



## Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**. **Messenger** discusses the Greatest of all time winning his 10th PBA50 title. The **Spare Column** is the Elkhart Midwest Central Regional. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary about winning my version of the Dick Weber ambassador award. Thanks for reading **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**.

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## Messenger

### PBA50 PASCO County Open

### W.R.W wins tenth PBA50 Tour Title

In the first PBA50, the championship round saw five PBA Hall of Fame, in the step ladder finals. Three triple crown winners. One grand slam winner. All had PBA National/World Championships , Four of the top five had at least one U.S. Open Titles. Finally but not least Three of them had USBC masters Titles. They had a combined total of 171 PBA Tour titles. On top of that, they had 10 Player of the Year Awards . This was Perhaps the best PBA50 Step Ladder Final of the PBA50 Tour in history.

The first match had Two Triple Crown Winners. Featuring Pete Weber, and Johnny Petraglia . Pete Weber came out on top. Defeating Johnny Petraglia with a score of 225 to 193. Petraglia had to bowl all the games to get to the final five, as he did not qualify high enough to receive any byes to escape from the preliminary rounds. The next match featured Parker Bohn III and Pete Weber it was a strike fest. Bohn came out on top to 257 to 224 over Weber. In the semi finals showcased the greatest of all time Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Bohn, both bowlers got off to a striking start, but Walter kept on striking. Late in the game Bohn missed an relatively easy spare costing him a chance to defend his title. William Jr. would defeat Bohn 258 to 223. The championship match saw the two current players with the most PBA Tour titles with a combined total of 85 titles. Norm Duke and Walter Ray Williams JR. It was still a high scoring match, but the players were having difficulty with one lane, both players were hitting the pocket. It was a close match. 245 to 225 with Walter Ray William Jr. defeating Norm Duke. For the third consecutive year Duke has came in second place. This gave Walter Ray his tenth PBA50 Tour title. Joining Tom Baker as the only two players who have Ten PBA50 Tour titles, and Ten PBA Tour titles .

#### 2016 PBA50 PASCO

Walter Ray Williams Jr Champion		1. Norm Duke - 225
	2 Walter Ray Williams Jr- 258	Walter Ray Williams Jr - 245
	3. Parker Bohn III - 257	Parker Bohn III - 223
4. Pete Weber - 225	Pete Weber - 224	
5. John Petraglia - 193		

# Moment in History

## Vintage ToC

In 2011, The PBA announced that the Tournament of Champions was going to have a \$1,000,000 purse with a \$250,000 first prize. The tournament leader was guaranteed \$100,000. ABC scheduled the tournament in the old time slot at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. It was like going back in time to the golden days of the PBA. In prior Tournaments, bowlers would have to win a PBA National. In this Tournament, they invited any PBA Regional, PBA50, and PBA50 Regional Tour Titlist. The PBA membership was a little bit disappointed when they invited Regional Titlists. They felt it should be opened past PBA National Tour champions. To compensate, this Tournament did not have every-one cashing. Some of the prestige was missing because of these factors. In addition, the Tournament had preliminary elimination rounds in order to narrow the field to the top 53. Former PBA Titlists



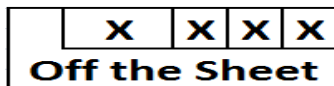
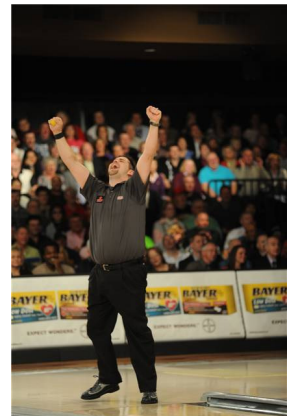
were shoeing it up to see if they could have a shot at the \$250,000. This attracted bowlers like Warren Nelson, Bryan Alpert, Jim Murtishaw, Palmer Fallgren, Tom Milton, and Mike Miller. At one time, these bowlers were contenders on the PBA Tour. The Tournament did stick with tradition of paying out to 53 places, with the last check at \$2,500. If a bowler made Match Play, they would receive at least \$8,000. Finally, if a bowler made the step ladder finals, they were guaranteed \$40,000. The size of total prize fund made it an exciting tournament.

The final four who made the Championship Round were Tom Smallwood, Tom Daugherty, Andres Gomez, and Mika Koivuniemi. Only two finalist previously won a PBA Tour title. For a Tournament of Champions, it was one of the weakest champion-

ship round in ToC History. Vintage bowling fans who had not followed the PBA since the ABC days had expectation of big stars in the championship round.

What made this tournament memorable was the semi-final match between Mika Koivuniemi and Tom Daugherty. In the match, Mika was the man on fire, but Tom was the complete opposite with 7 splits and 8 open frames. He only had two strikes for two clean frames. Mika had the match won by the fourth frame and had nothing but strikes until the last ball when he left the 10-pin. The final 299-100 was the largest margin of victory on the PBA Tour. Mika would go on to win his third Major beating Tom Smallwood 269-207 in the final.

*Tom after breaking into triple digits—woohoo!!*



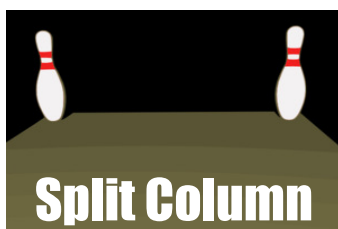
*This column is dedicated to the **Bowlers Journal International**. I will be summarizing BJI articles periodically in the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.*

Bowler's Journal International interviewed Tom Daugherty in this month's chat room. Tom discussed with BJI his company change from Storm to Ebonite International. He has been bowling good for over the past couple of years. Going to Ebonite one of the biggest

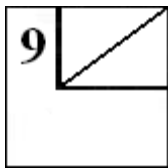
## Chat Room—Tom Daugherty

decisions in his career. Rob Gotchall of Ebonite made transition as comfortable and efficient as possible. Back in the February he had a shot to win a couple of majors back to back. "Momentum is over as soon as match play is over. The telecast is its own tournament." He mentioned about shooting the 100 game on the TOC show. He did not have the right ball in his hands, with the right ball he could have easily had a 250 and given Mika a run for his money.

*Editor's Note— Tom has come a long way winning the Bowlers's Journal Scorpion Championship for his first PBA Tour Title. He has been a contender for the past couple of years. He also knows his bowling ball dynamics since he runs a few pro-shops in the Florida.*



**Tom Baker and Walter Ray Williams Jr. have at least 10 titles on the PBA and PBA50 Tour**



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## PBA Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Open Presented By Brunswick

In the 4th Annual PBA Country Club Lanes Open, there were 64 bowlers bowling for the title. Hometown favorite, T.J. Schmidt, got things going with a 279 in the first game of qualifying. His score indicated that the scores were going to be high. The 2nd and 3rd games produced new leaders. In the 3rd game, Cory Hines had a 73-pin lead over Tom Hess. Schmidt was falling in the standings while Ronnie Sparks climbing to the top. In the 4th game, Tom Hess gained a little more ground over Hines by scoring a 244. Game 5 saw Sparks take the lead with a score of +146. Cory Hines, who started out strong, began to struggle falling to 4th place by game 5. Hess regained the lead in the 6th game with a score of +154. Scores were dropping. Former Harry Golden Rookie of the Year, E.J. Tackett, had a 234 game which vaulted him up to receive a 1st round bye for the match play round. Ronnie Sparks leading the field with a score of +176. It would take a score of +79 by the defending champion, J.R. Raymond, to make the match play round. Sparks, Hess, and Eugene McCune, and Tackett would receive first round byes. It would take a score of +51 to get the last spot in the money. Robert Sommers would be the highest PBA50 bowler not to cash. Diana Zavjalova would be the highest PWBA member to not cash. Both Sommers and Zavjalova collected \$250 for their efforts. In the first round of match play, Aaron Beaver took out Aaron Morgan. Defending champion J.R. Raymond defeated Aaron Lorincz to advance to the round of 8. The other two matches were decided in two games: Riley Smith over Cory Hines, and Pat Dombrowski over Neil Kassel. The round of 8 saw the high qualifiers take on the winners of the round of 12. Three of the top four qualifiers made it to the finals. Ronnie Sparks took out Aaron Beaver 2-0. J.R. Raymond bested E.J. Tackett 2-1. Eugene McCune only took 2 games to advance over Riley Smith to advance to the championship round. The final four saw McCune defeating 2011 Masters Champion Tom Hess 267-211. Sparks denied J.R. Raymond defense of the title by winning 244-233. In the championship game, Sparks kept on striking and defeated McCune with a score of 222-191. It was Ronnie Sparks first PBA Regional title. The 2015 USBC Singles Champion is eligible for the 2017 Tournament of Champions.

Headpin Champions & Score	
Regional Titlist	(11) 2.5
PWBA Titlist	(1) 5
PBA Regional Rookie of the Year	(2) 8.25
PBA Tour Titlist	(1) 5
PBA Rookie of the Year	(1) 7.5
PBA Major Titlist	(2) 12.5
Total Champion & Score	(86) Strike

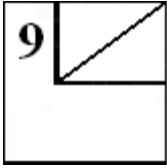


**Above:** Ronnie Sparks, Winner of the PBA Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Open presented by Brunswick.

1 Ronnie Sparks 244	
12. J.R. Raymond 233	1 Ronnie Sparks 222
3 Eugene McCune 267	
2 Tom Hess 211	3 Eugene McCune 191
	Ronnie Sparks <i>Champion</i>

### Championship Round Statistics

**High Game:** 267 Eugene McCune  
**Low Game:** 191 Eugene McCune  
**High Match:** McCune vs Hess 267-211  
**Low Match:** Sparks vs McCune 222-191  
**Average Winning Game:** 244.33



## **Spare Column**

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### **The PBA Fall Classic**

Last month the PBA announced the returning of the PBA Fall classic at South Point bowling plaza from October 28th through November 2nd. This year's fall classic does not involve a Mark Roth /Marshall Holman Doubles Tournament. However there will still be a team tournament. This will be a few days before the 2016 Bowling's U.S. Open. It will include the point value for the Xtra Frame competition. Where the point leader will receive a \$10,000 bonus for winning the series. The Xtra Frame singles event features 16 game of qualifying with the top 16 advancing to match play. After a total of 32 games of qualifying in match play. The top 5 will advance in the stepladder finals, where the winner receives a PBA Tour title. After the completion of the Xtra Frame Las Vegas Team Competition where yet another PBA title is at stake. The team tournament is six regular games of team play. After the six games of regular team play. The team will bowl 12 more Baker games. The field will be cut to the top ten where they bowl 6 baker games of round robin match play. The top four will advance to the stepladder finals for a chance at winning \$30,000 for the winning team.

#### **2016 PBA FALL CLASSIC PRESENTED BY SOUTH POINT BOWLING PLAZA**

**South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Oct. 28-Nov. 1**

##### **Friday, Oct. 28**

PBA Xtra Frame Las Vegas Open practice session

##### **Saturday, Oct. 29**

PBA Xtra Frame Las Vegas Open 16 qualifying games (top 16 advance to match play)

##### **Sunday, Oct. 30**

PBA Xtra Frame Las Vegas Open 16 games round-robin match play

Top 5 stepladder finals

PBA Team Challenge practice session

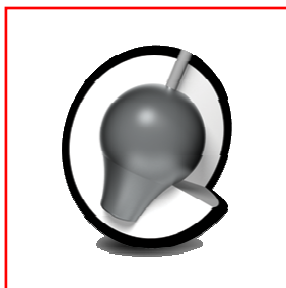
##### **Monday, Oct. 31**

PBA Team Challenge qualifying (6 full team games, 12 Baker format games)

##### **Tuesday, Nov. 1**

Top 10 teams (based on 60 entries), 6 games round-robin Baker format match play

Top 4 Teams Baker format stepladder finals



### RHINO RED/BLACK/GOLD

#### PART NUMBER

60-105813

#### CORE TYPE

Light Bulb

#### COVERSTOCK

R-16 Reactive

#### COLOR

Red / Black / Gold Pearl

#### FINISHING STEPS

500 Siaair / Royal Compound / Royal Shine

#### WEIGHTS

10-16 Pounds

#### RG MAX

2.554

#### RG MIN

2.524

#### RG DIFFERENTIAL

0.030

#### HOOKE POTENTIAL

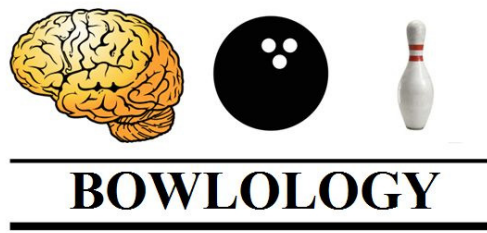
Low (10) 95High (250)

#### LENGTH

Early (25) 160Long (235)

#### BREAKPOINT SHAPE

Smooth Arc (10) 90Angular (150)



## # 7 Great Minds of Bowling– Johnny Petraglia



At left- 14 time PBA Tour titlist. USBC and PBA Hall of Fame, and a 8 time PBA50 Tour titlist.

Johnny Petraglia is the only bowler to have won a PBA or PB50 Tour Title in six different decades. He has become the second player in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown in the 1980 PBA National/World Championship. One of the highlights of his career was when he shot on national television which paid for his kid's college tuition. One of the icons that Brunswick is Johnny Petraglia LT-48 bowling ball. Back in 1997 Brunswick made the Johnny Petraglia LT-48 Gold. Most bowlers love had the LT-48 bowling ball when talking to the legend. I always learned something about the game that will be of use to me. He was the sixth player to shoot a perfect game on national television.

He is also a member of the USBC & PBA Hall of Fame's. When Parker Bohn the III was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame. Johnny was the speaker who gave opening remarks before Parker's acceptance speech. One of Parker's statements was that Johnny was the smartest man about the sport of bowling.

Johnny knows the game like the back of his hand. He knows what bowlers need to execute for their game to be a success. Johnny has adapted his game to become competitive back in 2013. He did well at the Masters and had a chance to become the third bowler to win the Grand Slam. The only bowler who has held the PBA President position three times. He has sat in meetings trying to get contracts extended to have the PBA televised.

Petraglia has been a great ambassador for the sport of bowling. Bowling is lucky to have him as an ambassador for the game.



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## Winning the Dick Weber Ambassador Award

On April 21st I received a special recognition for my life time devotion to the sport of bowling. This award means so much to me because it like winning the Dick Weber bowling ambassador award. Writing the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter was the first step towards winning this prestigious award. I am the first recipient of this award from the International Art of Bowling association. Nearly 11 years ago I started Pro-Bowler SuperFan.com. I wanted to promote professional bowling with the website. It was a start to have a bowling career. I have always wanted to contribute to the sport of bowling. I feel like I have entered into the instructions of the game. This is through doing the Ten Pin Staffer Program and the Striking Mastermind Exam. This is to help top amateurs know how to make better decisions about ball choices, scoring, lane play, physical game and lane courtesy for a PBA Tournament.

I would like to thank Diandra and the International Art of Bowling for giving me this award.

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FRAME		

Last month I found out that I won the IBMA writing competition. I was recognized on the 28th of April at the USBC convention for these awards. I received second and third place for the non-professional newsletter and third place for non-professional news feature for "Father and Son PBA Hall of

Famers" In the editorial division I placed second for writing about becoming the next Chuck Pezzano. This includes 5 third places, 2 second places, and 4 first place awards. Being part of the IBMA and competing with other bowling writers makes me that I am on equal playing fields. The best bowling writers of the world. I hoping to re-

ceive 48 awards as I will have had the great Walter Ray Williams Jr as s benchmark since he has 47 PBA Titles. Thank you for subscribing to the Josh Hyde Bowling newsletter.



**Above:** International Art of Bowling special recognition award awarded to Josh Hyde for his lifetime devotion to the sport of Bowling.



## IBMA Awards

### 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.*