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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. **Messenger** discusses the Weber's third straight career title. This month's **Strike Column** takes a look at the Championship Round statistics. The **Spare Column** looks at the PBA50 tour stats. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary about doing this publication for eight years. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.



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Messenger

Weber Wins Third Straight at the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open

In the Johnny Petraglia, the tournament once again was a sold out event with nearly 500 pro-am entries. Also, the tournaments raised almost \$50,000 for the Bowler to Veterans Link which helps US Veterans with recreational therapy. This bowling is designed to help with physical, mental, and emotional well-being, while reducing stress and anxiety.

The qualifying scores were low as it only took a -57 to make the cut to 32. It also included the top 8 Super Seniors that qualified lower than 32nd. PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli led the tournament with a score of +483, a lead of 78 pins over Pete Weber. Pete was looking join Tom Baker as the only bowlers to win three consecutive titles in the PBA50 Tour. Other notable players include Walter Ray Williams Jr., Tom Baker, Parker Bohn III, and the tournament namesake Johnny Petraglia.

In the Cashers Round, Jay Boyle led it with a score of +66. It took a score of -22 by Chris Fedden to make the cut to the first round of modified round robin match play. The first round of match play saw Walter Ray Williams Jr. lead the pack with +356. It took a +158 by Robert Brown to make it to the second round. In the second round of match play, Hall of Famer Pete Weber took the lead with a score of +443. PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker was the cut to the step ladder finals.

Brian LeClair worked his way up the ladder by defeating to Hall of Famers, Tom Baker and Walter Ray Williams Jr. The first match was the highest scoring of the finals. In the semi-final, PBA Titlist Ray Edwards could not get striking as LeClair defeated him by 54 pins. In the Championship match, it all came down to end. Both Weber and LeClair were striking/sparing up until the 10th frame. Weber left the door wide open when he could not close out the match. LeClair need a strike to claim his second PBA50 title. Instead, he threw the ball in the pocket, but left the swishing 7-10 giving Weber his third consecutive PBA50 title. Pete Weber won the very first Johnny Petraglia event in 1991.



Champion
Pete Weber

		1. Pete Weber -223
		LeClair - 204
2. Ray Edwards - 184	LeClair - 238	
3. Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - 205		
4. Brian LeClair - 258	LeClair - 221	
5. Tom Baker - 247		



Championship Round Statistics

In the championship round on the PBA Tour is a hard task to be great pro-bowler. Not every pro-bowler is a Walter Ray Williams Jr or an Earl Anthony. There are only two bowlers who have won 40 titles on the PBA Tour. To be among the top bowlers on the tour bowlers must make a multitude of championship round appearances. The first table shows the top ten pro-bowlers that have appeared the most in the championship round. At the bottom of that list Brian Voss has 83 times in the championship round. However this does not mean that Brian Voss has won 83 titles but it means that he has won 83 matches in the championship round. He could have qualified at the bottom for the television show but he got beat at the semi finals or the championship match. The second chart has the top ten players with the minimum of ten appearances in championship round. Jim Pencak leads that category with 12 appearances and a 73% winning rate. Dick Ritger has the most titles and he ranks second with a 69% winning rate. When he got in the championship round he won almost 70% of his games. The third chart is a chart that has the top ten averages in the championship round. Ryan Ciminelli leads with a 230 average. Coming in fourth place is the greatest of all time Walter Ray Williams Jr. His average in the championship round is 228.32.

Finally but not least is showing the player of the year and how many times they appeared in the championship round and how many games they have won. It is interesting that in 1987 Marshall Holman appeared in the championship round seven times and never won a title and still received the Player of the Year Honor. He only won three games on national television. In 1978 Mark Roth did the unthinkable when he won 8 titles. However six of those titles were nationally televised, two titles were not televised. Those titles were concluded at the end of the 42 preliminary games. The PBA did not have a stepladder finals on national television. In 1993 Walter Ray Williams Jr almost did what Roth did 15 years prior. However he came within title of having eight PBA titles in one season. He did make 15 appearances on national television having a 65% win rate.

All of these statistics speak volumes on how great the PBA members are when they appear in the championship round.

	Wins(not Titles)	Appearances	W-A %
Walter Ray Williams	153	176	87%
Pete Weber	120	136	88%
Parker Bohn III	94	115	82%
Earl Anthony	92	114	81%
Norm Duke	99	113	88%
Marshall Holman	66	105	63%
Amleto Monacelli	66	95	69%
Mark Roth	62	93	67%
Mike Aulby	84	88	95%
Brian Voss	83	83	100%

	Appearance	W-L	W-L %
Jim Pencak	12	22-8	73%
Dick Ritger	33	40-18	69%
Gary Skidmore	17	23-11	68%
Paul Colwell	17	16-8	67%
Steve Neff	10	14-7	67%
Jason Belmonte	32	37-19	66%
Tommy Jones	37	43-23	65%
Steve Martin	20	26-14	65%
Tom Crites	12	12-7	63%
Randy Pedersen	31	32-19	63%

	Appearance	Average
Ryan Ciminelli	14	230.55
Roger Bowker	16	229.17
Norm Duke	113	228.89
Walter Ray Williams	176	228.32
Doug Kent	35	227.48
Wes Malott	42	227.37
Mika Koivuniemi	41	227.14
Steve Hoskins	30	226.08
Barry Asher	20	225.77
Robert Smith	23	225.56



Walter Ray Williams	93	15 appearances, 15 wins, 8 losses, 7 titles	65.22%
Parker Bohn III	99	11 appearances, 9 wins, 6 losses, 5 titles	60.00%
Marshall Holman	87	7 appearances, 3 wins, 7 losses	30.0%
Mark Roth	78	9 appearances, 7 wins, 6 losses, 8 titles	53.8%
Brian Voss	88	11 appearances, 14 wins, 9 losses, 2 titles	60.9%

Breakpoint

DHC Japan Open Invitees

On May 20th the PBA announced that PBA Fall Swing was still going to happen from September 4th to the 11th in Allen Park, Michigan. The Fall Swing will have the Wolf, Bear, Badger, and Detroit Opens. The Top Ten PBA members who earn the most money at the Fall Swing will have a chance at the DHC Japan Open. During the Fall Swing the PBA membership has a chance to earn four PBA National Titles; the Wolf, Bear, Badger, and Detroit Opens.

The DHC Japan Open will feature a field of 32 players bowling a round robin format. The Japan invitational will have a \$150,000 total purse with 40,000 going to the winner. A PBA National Tour title will be awarded if a PBA member wins the tournament. Amelto Monacelli is the defending champion. He is one of 32 bowlers who will be going head to head which includes one PWBA-PBA Women's member, one Korean PBA member, the top 10



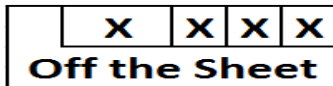
PBA earnings winners from the Fall Swing and 16 Japan PBA members. The tournament sponsor DHC is entering three participants still yet to be determined. The tournament will allow an additional bowler from the PBA earnings list if the leading female bowler is among those top ten leaders of the Fall Swing.

The Fall Swing will be aired on the CBS Sports network. For more information bowling fans can log onto PBA.com.

Breakpoint

Weber and Williams are racing to a 100 titles from the PBA50 & PBA50 Regional's and PBA Tour and PBA Regional's

Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr. are competing to see who can get to a 100 PBA combined titles. Pete Weber has 96 combined career titles while Walter Ray Williams, Jr. has 98 titles. From the 80's to the present, Walter and Pete have been the dominant contenders on the PBA Tour. It seems only a few years ago Weber was the total winner with a combination titles that is including his ten major titles five of which are U.S. Open titles including one senior U.S. Open and one U.S.B.C Senior Masters. Walter has been the only player to have multiple player of the year honors on both PBA and PBA50 Tour. It will be interesting to see if Weber can beat Tom Baker's record of three PBA50 titles in a row by defending his title at the Senior U.S. Open.



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Last month Jason Belmonte and Brian Voss had a debate was about two-handed style. Voss was against the idea of what Jason Belmonte is doing. Evolution of bowling styles isn't new. In the 1970's, Mark Roth and Marshall Holman were revolutionizing the game when they were figured out that bowlers could hook the bowling ball with

Take Two : Between Voss & Belmonte

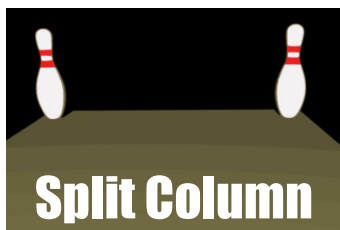
three figures and one hand.

When Belmo was asked about what Brian had said about two handed. Belmo replied, "It is unfair to suggest that the two-handed style is beating elite bowlers because it's easier. We still have to make good shots." When Tommy Jones and Bill O'Neil beat Jason, they will tell the bowling fans it feels good to beat Jason. Jason still has to perform at the highest level. Voss's points are profound, but the best bowlers are going to figure out how to strike because that is what they do. It was a very interesting interview with both Voss

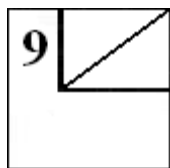
and Belmonte.

Voss points out the kids are taking the easy route by learning how to throw the ball with just two hands. Both Jason and Voss had valid points.

Editor's Note: I believe that traditional bowlers should learn to adapt by being willing to compete against other bowlers who have different playing styles and those players who make use of the latest technology. This what a great bowler would do if they want to earn that type of recognition as a great bowler.



Tom Baker and Pete Weber are the only two bowlers to go back-to-back-to-back on the PBA50 Tour



Spare Column

The Spare Column is a column focusing on the PBA Central Region and other information about the PBA, PBA50, and PWBA.

PBA50 Tour Stats

Top 10 Average, Points, and Earnings as of May 10th

Pete Weber has clearly dominated the PBA50 Tour the stats that he leads in every statistical category. He has the chance to become the fourth player in PBA50 history to successfully defend his U.S. Senior Open title. Weber will join PBA Hall of Famer's Tom Baker, Wayne Webb and Amelto Monacelli to successfully defend their Senior Open titles. If he does that not only will he become the first player to win four consecutive PBA50 tournaments. The stats do not lie he is on his way to claim his second consecutive PBA50 Player of the Year honor.

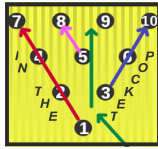
Pete Weber surpassed his legendary father Dick Weber by winning the PBA50 BVL Johnny Petraligia Open. He has passed his legendary father on the PBA50 and PBA Tour titles.

In Super Senior category Ron Mohr and Tom Baker are dueling it out to receive the PBA Super Senior Player of the Year honor. Tom Baker is looking to make history of his own by becoming the first player on the PBA50 circuit to receive multiple Player of the Year honors on both PBA50 and PBA60 Player of the Year.

Bowler	# of Events	Amount
Pete Weber	4	\$25,100
Walter Ray Williams, Jr	4	\$12,400
Brian LeClair	4	\$8,350
Jack Jurek	4	\$8,125
ss-Ron Mohr	4	\$7,800
ss-Tom Baker	4	\$7,450
Parker Bohn III	4	\$6,545
Mike Scroggins	4	\$6,100
Stoney Baker	4	\$5,920
Norm Duke	2	\$5,700

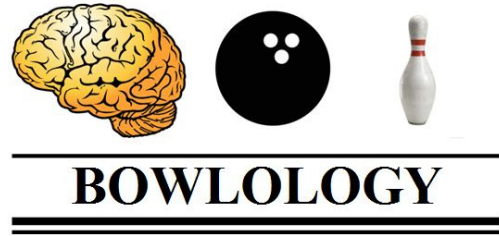
Bowler	# of Events	Points
Pete Weber	4	178,800
Walter Ray Williams Jr	4	74,184
Brian LeClair	4	46,092
ss-Ron Mohr	4	45,024
Jack Jurek	4	44,196
ss-Tom Baker	4	40,296
Amleto Monacelli	4	36,264
Stoney Baker	4	34,320
Norm Duke	2	33,744
Parker Bohn III	4	33,060

Bowler	# of Events	Average
Pete Weber	4	239.36
Norm Duke	2	234.32
ss-Tom Baker	4	230.25
Amelto Monacelli	4	229.73
Walter Ray Williams, Jr.	4	229.21
Don Breeden	2	229.15
Stoney Baker	4	229.09
John Donovan	2	228.61
John Dougherty	2	227.37
ss-Sam Maccarone	3	227.26



Top 11 PBA50 Titlists

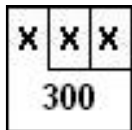
- 11.** Ron Mohr—8 Titles. He had a fast start in his early PBA50 career. In one season, he made almost every championship round.
- 10.** Johnny Petraglia—8 Titles. The first player to win a PBA Tour title over six decades. Second player to complete the PBA Triple Crown.
- 9.** Teata Semiz—8 Titles. Oldest competitor to make the USBC Masters Championship round on TV in 1997.
- 8.** Bob Glass—9 Titles. Dominated the PBA50 circuit early in the early 21st Century.
- 7.** Pete Couture—9 Titles. He won the most titles and had the highest earnings in one PBA50 season.
- 6.** Walter Ray Williams Jr.—10 Titles. First player to get multiple Player of the Year awards on the PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour
- 5.** Gene Stus—11 Tiles. First bowler to bowl a 300 game on television during a PBA50 event.
- 4.** Dale Eagle—12 Titles. First bowler to receive Rookie and Player of the Year honors on the PBA50 Tour
- 3.** Gary Dickinson—12 Titles. First PBA Hall of Famer to receive the PBA Senior Player of the Year
- 2.** Tom Baker—12 Titles. Dominated on the PBA50 circuit in the mid 2000's defending Senior Masters and Senior US Open Titles
- 1.** John Handegard—14 Titles. He was the oldest PBA Champion at age 57 in 1995.



6 Great Minds of Bowling—Del Warren

Del Warren is number 6 of the greatest minds of bowling. He is now the president of Kegel which is the number 1 leader of lane maintenance in the world of bowling. Kegel has also developed the theory of the Rule of 31 which bowlers continue to use today in order to be able to score well. Del has also won a couple PBA titles. His first PBA title came at the greater LA Open in 1986, later that year he would make the top 5 at the Firestone TOC. A year later he would win another title with his partner Joe Firpo at the PBA Doubles Showboat Classic. In the mid 90s he would become a tour rep for AMF. Warren is also very knowledgeable about the dynamics of the bowling ball. In the late 70s after he learned how to drill bowling balls, he started drilling extra holes in the ball to experiment to see if the ball would react different on the lane. Nobody was drilling extra holes in the ball at the time but because Warren experimented that led to others doing the same thing. By doing this he was revolutionizing the game and how pro-shop operators could help other bowlers figure out get the ball to roll differently on the lane. In the 2000's he designed bowling balls for Track. Being a rep and a pro on the PBA Tour, he could tell Track what they needed to design for the weight block and cover stock. Warren also has 10 regional PBA titles, a Gold Level USBC coaching certification, a position as Head Coach of Webber bowling and a former President of Track International. He also made it into the Top 100 Coaches list in Bowler's Journal International. He helped Weber win the 2012 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and International Collegiate Athletics championship. Del has a great knowledge of the game.



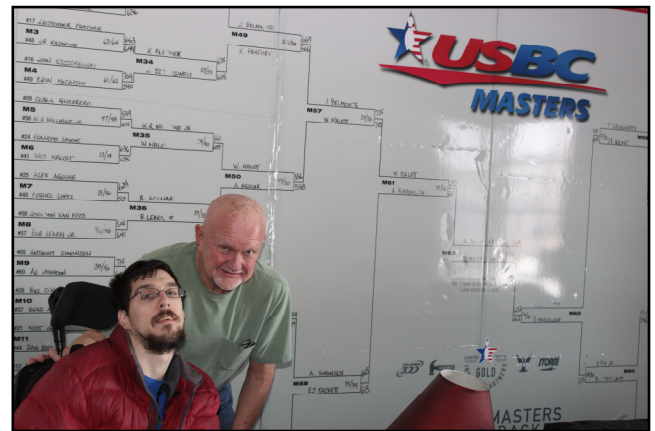


Running a Newsletter for 8 years

It has been eight years now that I have started the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. The publication was originally one page long. I had always to be in the bowling industry in some shape or form. I was adding more pages I thought about how I could incorporate more bowling lingo into the columns. For an example the Kingpin Column was the first column that had this format. The idea had started ten years ago when I wanted to start a bowling publication. At that time I never pursued a couple years later on Memorial Day weekend. I started the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter it told briefly a summary of the PBA Tour. Little did I know that it would lead into a coaching certification, a PBA Media Guide, and doing a PR kit for the 50th anniversary of the Tournament of Champions. Also I have been fortunate enough to write tournament reports for amateur and professional tournaments. Being a bowling writer is the greatest job I could ever imagine. It comes with a number of perks like getting a season ticket to the PBA Tour and going to the PBA Hall of Fame ceremony. Plus interviewing the greatest bowlers in the world is an added thrill.

I have also won a number of awards in the International Bowling Media Association writing competition. I now have a total of 16 awards my goal is to receive a total of 48 awards. I would like to surpass the great Wal-

ter Ray Williams Jr who has 47 PBA Tour Titles. If I did that I would consider myself one of the greatest bowling writers of all times. Thank you for all supporters that have been with me since year one of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. I look forward to doing another season of this publication.



Above L to R- Josh Hyde and Dennis Bergerndorf and the official USBC Masters Bracket Board of the 2016 Masters.

2016 IBMA Awards: The newsletter won awards for the March 2015 issue, the May 2015 issue, and the article "Becoming Chuck Pezzano". These three are adding to the Twelve from prior years.



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