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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**. **Messenger** discusses the Seventh WSOB. The **Spare Column** Ryan Ciminelli wins first career major at the 2015 U.S Open. The **Tenth Frame** is an editorial on the Josh Hyde Bowling Brand Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

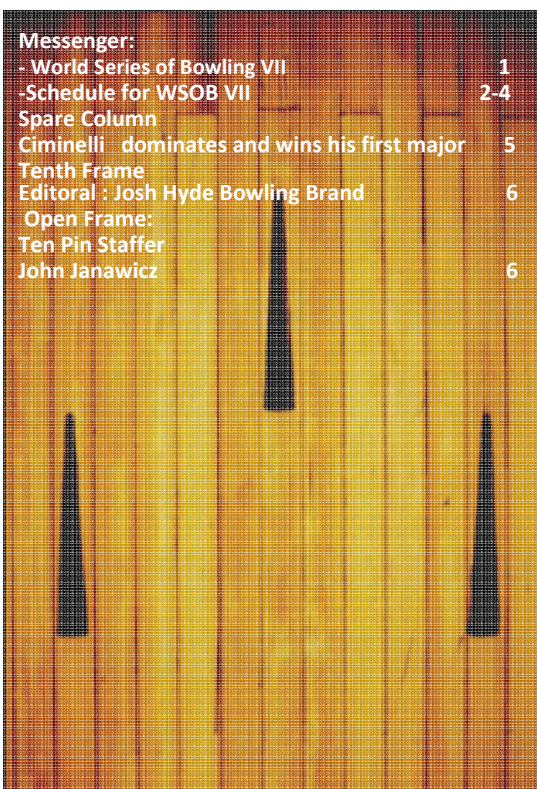
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- Josh Hyde



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Messenger

World Series of Bowling VII

This year's PBA World Series of Bowling has a number of story lines. In the first time in 14 years, the PBA is having a prime time slot for the PBA World Championships presented by Roll Tech Bowling with the top prize of \$50,000. It will be a live show on December 17 at 7pm EST. During the 7th WSOB, they will also be having The Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Classic step ladder finals. For the first time in 3 years, Wes Malott and Norm Duke will not have a chance at 3-peating this tournament. The PBA WSOB will also be hosting 4 animal pattern championships. This WSOB is going to be like the first WSOB, where bowlers will get to bowl match play instead of a semi-finals round to get to the step ladder. All bowlers will bowl a 9-game block with the top 24 advancing. The top 8 qualifiers will receive a one round bye. Bowlers 9-24 will come back and bowl a best of 5 match with the winners bowling the top 8 qualifiers until there are 4 left for 2 semi final matches, then until there is a champion.

In the PBA World Championship format, the 9 games from the animal pattern championships will be a cumulative score of 36 games. The top 1/4th after 36 games of qualifying will bowl 6 more games of qualifying on the PBA World Championship pattern After a total of 42 games of qualifying, the top 24 will advance to the round robin match play finals. Those bowlers will come back and bowl 3 blocks of 8 games with the last game of match play being a position round. With a 66-game total, the top 5 will advance to the prime time PBA World Championship televised live final. There is wagering going on with 2-time reigning Player of the Year, Jason Belmonte, having 7-2 odds at winning the PBA World Championship. If he does successfully win the PBA World Championship, PBA history will be in the making with Belmonte being the only bowler to win 3 Majors in one season. Also, he will put himself in great contention at 3-peating the Player of the Year honor. This has not happened since 1998 when Walter Ray Williams, Jr. 3-peated the Player of the Year honor (1996-1998).

There is a number of storylines riding on this year's World Series of Bowling. There are 6 PBA Hall of Famers in this year's WSOB - Walter Ray Williams Jr., Pete Weber, Tom Baker, Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III and Amleto Monacelli. Also, there is the defending champions of animal pattern championships, Anthony Pepe (Cheetah), D.J. Archer (Chameleon), and Michael Haugen Jr. (Scorpion). Mika Koivuniemi will not be defending his Viper Championship due to chronic back pain. Likewise, Mike Fagan will not be defending his PBA World Championship title as he is pursuing his Masters degree. This year's WSOB should be an exciting championship for bowling fans around the world.

WSOB Schedule

DATE

TIMES

**Mon.,
Dec 7th**

WSOB VII Practice

8:30am Non-Member Meeting
PBA Tournament Office

NOTE: This is a mandatory meeting.

9:00am Official practice session
A Squad

Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion, World
Championship patterns

1:00pm Non-Member Meeting
PBA Tournament Office

NOTE: This is a mandatory meeting.

1:30pm Official practice session
B Squad

Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion, World
Championship patterns

4:30pm PBA50 & PBA Regional
Challenge Roll Call
NBS Locker Room

5:00pm PBA50 Challenge &
PBA Regional Challenge
XtraFrame Match Play
qualifying events

8 games head-to-head match play;
top two in each event advance to
PBA Challenge Finals on ESPN

**Tues.,
Dec 8th**

**PBA Cheetah
Championship**

8:30am Cheetah Championship
A Squad

9 qualifying games

4:00pm Cheetah Championship
B Squad

9 qualifying games

Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Monday, Dec. 14

**Wed.,
Dec 9th**

**PBA Viper
Championship**

8:30am Viper Championship
B Squad

9 qualifying games

4:00pm Viper Championship
A Squad

9 qualifying games

Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Monday, Dec. 14

**Thurs.,
Dec 10th**

**PBA Chameleon
Championship**

8:30am Chameleon Championship
A Squad

9 qualifying games

4:00pm Chameleon Championship
B Squad

9 qualifying games

Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Tuesday, Dec. 15

**Fri.,
Dec 11th**

**PBA Scorpion
Championship**

8:30am Scorpion Championship
B Squad

9 qualifying games

4:00pm Scorpion Championship
A Squad

9 qualifying games

Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Tuesday, Dec. 15

WSOB Schedule—Cont'd

<u>DATE</u>		<u>TIMES</u>		
Sat., Dec 12th	PBA World Championship	10:00am	PBA cashers' round 6 games	Top 25 percent of the field based on combined 36-game pinfall totals after Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion qualifying rounds
				<i>Top 24 after 42 games advance to round robin match play</i>
		2:30pm	PBA Tri-Regional Open 8 qualifying games	All players
		5:00pm	PBA World Championship match play Round 2, 8 games	
Sun., Dec. 13th	PBA World Championship	9:00am	PBA Tri-Regional Open match play and finals	
		10:00am	PBA World Championship match play Round 2, 8 games	
		5:00pm	PBA World Championship match play Round 3, 8 games	
				<i>Top five after 66 games advance to live ESPN finals</i>
Mon., Dec 14th		10:00am	Cheetah Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play	Qualifiers 9-24
		1:00pm	Cheetah Champinship best-of-five-game single elimination match play	Winners of 9-24 matches vs. qualifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wed., Dec. 16
		4:30pm	Viper Championship best- of-five-game single elimi- nation match play	Qualifiers 9-24
		7:30pm	Viper Championship best- of-five-game single elimi- nation match play	Winners of 9-24 matches vs. qulifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wed., Dec. 16
Tues., Dec 15th		10:00am	Chameleon Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play	Qualifiers 9-24
		1:00pm	Chameleon Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play	Winners of 9-24 matches vs. qualifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wed., Dec. 16
		4:30pm	Scorpion Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play	Qualifiers 9-24
		7:30pm	Scorpion Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play	Winners of 9-24 matches vs. qualifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wed., Dec. 16

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TIMES

**Wed.,
Dec 16th**

**PBA World Series
of Bowling**

10:00 A.M Cheetah Championship Round of 8 (best-of five game single elimination match play; four winners advance to ESPN finals on Friday, December 18th)

1:00 P.M Viper Championship Round of 8 (best of five game elimination match play Advance to ESPN finals on Friday, December 18)

4:30 P.M Chameleon Championship Round of 8 (best of five game single elimination match play; four winners advance to ESPN finals on Friday, December 18th)

7:30 P.M Scorpion Championship Round of 8 (best of five game single elimination match play; four winners advance to ESPN finals on Friday, December 18th.)

**Thurs.,
Dec. 17th**

**PWBA-PBA
Women’s Re-
gional**

PBA World
Championship

1:00 P.M Practice Session

4:00 P.M PBA World Championship,
Five-player stepladder
finals

**Fri.,
Dec 18th**

**PWBA-PBA
Women’s Re-
gional Challenge**

8:30 A.M Roll Call (NBS Locker Room)

9:00 A.M. Match play qualifying event (8 games head-to head match play; top two in each event advance to PBA Challenge Finals on ESPN

1:00 P.M Cheetah Championship
ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)

3:30 P.M Viper Championship ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title

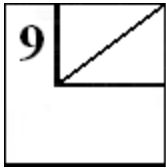
5:15 P.M Chameleon Championship ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title.

7:00 P.M Scorpion Championship
ESPN Finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)

**Saturday;
December
19th**

Noon Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship stepladder finals

3:30 P.M PBA Challenge Series Finals (PBA50 Challenge, PBA Regional Challenge, PWBA-PBA Women’s Regional Challenge, Teen Masters Grand Championship



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

US Open—Ciminelli Dominates and wins his first PBA Tour Major

In this year's 2015 U.S. Open it was a retro type tournament. The pattern was only applied once during the qualifying match play portion of the tournament. Additionally it was not a flat pattern. The USBC announced the oil pattern for the tournament on the practice session day. Instead of posting a shot before the tournament took place. This was another way the tournament was retro. Players were anticipating that the scores would be low, according to past U.S. Open tournaments. The scores were low as it took a score of + 70 by Jesse Buss which amounts to almost a 203 average to make the first cut. John Szczerbinski with a score of +730, he was averaging 230.4, which is high for a U.S. Open Pattern. Pete Weber, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Mika Koivuniemi and Wes Malott were amongst past champions that made the cashers round. Another past champion that made cashers round was the 1992 winner Robert Lawrence. Rather than having very few 300's. There were four 300's shot by Sean Rash, Andres Gomez, Wes Malott-2013 Champion, Francois Lavoie. In the cashers round. There were two 300's shot by Sean Rash and Andres Gomez. In the game that Sean Rash shot his 300's. He was tied with none other than Jason Belmonte. Jason could only muster up a score of 162 in the sixth game which stopped him from advancing to the top 24 and possibly getting three majors in one season. Missing out by six pins on the cut was Ryan Shafer. Walter Ray Williams Jr, Pete Weber, Norm Duke, Bill O'Neill, Tommy Jones and Mika Koivuniemi were among the past champions to make the top 24. John Szczerbinski was the tournament leader with a score of + 873. Past Recipient Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent was the Cut Number to make the top 24 with a score of + 484.

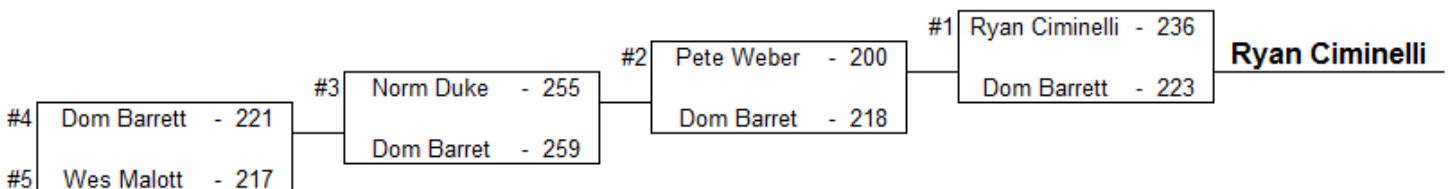
In the match play portion of the tournament John Szczerbinski was falling as he could not maintain his lead. However Ryan Ciminelli was living up to his name by taking the lead in the first round of match play. Five time U.S Open champion Pete Weber was trying to make history by becoming the first bowler to win six U.S Opens. However Ryan was maintaining his lead against all these past champions. He only lost one game in the first round of match play to take a commanding lead over his opponents. Weber was maintaining his game to stay in second place and within reach of achieving a bowling first

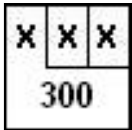
wining six U.S Opens and surpassing Earl Anthony with eleven majors. He would also tie Anthony with winning six of one major. There were a number of moments in match play where Weber could have surpassed Ryan. However Ryan was striking more consistently than Weber. He built over a 400 pin lead on Weber on his way to his first major. For the stepladder finals it was three past champions including the defending champion Wes Malott. Dom Barrett took the show by defeated three past champions of the U.S. Open to advance to the Championship match. When it looked like Dom Barrett still maintained, Ryan overturned that momentum to win his fourth career title.



U.S. Open winner Ryan Ciminelli, second from left, with, from left, Bowling Proprietors' Association of America President Tom Martino, Jay Lietman, Vice President of League Development for Bowlmor AMF, and Chad Murphy, USBC Executive Director.

Round	Bowler	+/-
24 Game Cut	Jesse Buss	+70
24 Game Leader	John Szczerbinski	+730
32 Game Cut	Marshall Kent	+484
32 Game Leader	John Szczerbinski	+873
56 Game Cut	Wes Malott	+1616
56 Game Leader	Ryan Ciminelli	+2245
#300 games	Sean Rash, Andres Gomez, Wes Malott, Francois Lavoie	





The Brand of Josh Hyde Bowling

In 2008 I wrote my first Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter. I wanted to promote the PBA. My number 1 goal was to promote professional bowling as a sport, little did I know I would have a monthly six page newsletter seven years later. In 2010 I made a change from pro-bowler super fan.com. I really wanted to use bowling jargon for a few examples. I have the strike column and the tenth frame.

In November of 2011 I had started the bowlology column. This was to help bowlers enlighten their knowledge of the sport. I have covered topics such as the perfect strike, keeping score and

adjusting. I have just recently compressed these articles into the bowlology book. Doing the bowlology column enabled me to receive my USBC certification.

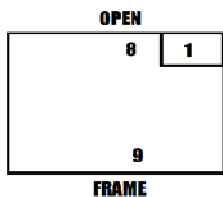
“These efforts embody the Josh Hyde Bowling Brand.”

- Ten Pin Staffer program – a resource by bowling industry leaders to help other bowlers improve their game
- Striking Mastermind program – a program for scratch bowlers to have more knowledge about the sport of bowling.
- Researching and writing about the PBA – analyzing the greatest bowlers in the world and discussing the greatest moments in PBA history.
- Becoming a “John Jowdy” and a “Chuck Pezzano” – coach and histo-

rian, respectively.

- Promoting professional bowling.
- Striking to achieve my ultimate goal - to become a PBA Hall-of-Famer for meritorious service or contributions to the sport of bowling for both professionals and amateurs alike.
- Completing a Bowlology book (2015).
- Getting my USBC Bronze coaching certification. Cultivating relationships with bowlers and bowling industry leaders – putting what I learn to good use.

Thank you for reading this months edition of the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter.



Open Frame Column— John Janawicz joins the Ten-Pin Staffer Team

Last month Josh Hyde Bowling added a fifth Ten-Pin Staffer to the team. He is a pattern specialist for the Kegel company. He has designed several patterns for tournaments all around the world. A long with that he also had won three eagles in the USBC Open Championship. We hope that he will bring another perspective for high-scratch bowlers. He has great knowledge when it comes to sport of bowling. His score was exceptional with a 152 out of 150. We welcome John into the ten-pin staffer team.

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