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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another season of ***Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter***. **Messenger** highlights the 7th WSOB Championship. The **Strike Column** analyzes the PBA Charter Members. The **Spare Column** highlights Gomez's 3rd career PBA title. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary on the speech that I will be giving on July 11th. **The Open Frame Column** talks about the party on July 11th at the Josh Hyde Bowling Headquarters.

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

- ***Josh Hyde***



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Messenger

2015 World Series of Bowling Schedule

On June 18th, the PBA announced that the 7th World Series of Bowling will be held in Reno. This will be the 20th anniversary of the National Bowling stadium opening. The WSOB will have 312 bowlers bowling for a prize fund exceeding \$760,000. The Animal pattern championship will feature 9 games of qualifying with the top 24 advancing to match play. The top 8 will receive a one round bye for the next week. Seeds 9-24 will bowl the best of 5 games. Those winners will advance to the next week. The top 8 qualifiers will bowl the best of 5 games against the winners of the week before. Those winners will bowl against each other—again, the best of 5 games. The top 4 survivors will bowl in the Championship round for the title.

In the PBA World Championship format, there will be a total of 36 games of qualifying with the top 25% of the field advancing to the Cashers round. Those bowlers will bowl 6 more games of qualifying with the top 24 advancing to 24 games of Match Play. After a total of 66 games, the top 5 will advance to the live stepladder finals on ESPN. The 7th WSOB promises to be a spectacular event.

2015 GEICO PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING VII SCHEDULE presented by Silver Legacy

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Dec. 7-19 (all times are Pacific Time)

MONDAY, DEC. 7

9 a.m. – Official practice session, A Squad (Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion, World Championship patterns)
1:30 p.m. – Official practice session, B Squad (Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion, World Championship patterns)

5 p.m. – PBA50 and PBA Regional Challenge match play qualifying events (8 games head-to-head match play; top two in each event advance to PBA Challenge Finals on ESPN)

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

8:30 a.m. – Cheetah Championship, 9 qualifying games (A Squad)
4 p.m. – Cheetah Championship, 9 qualifying games (B squad); Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Monday, Dec. 14

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

8:30 a.m. – Viper Championship, 9 qualifying games (B Squad)
4 p.m. – Viper Championship, 9 qualifying games (A squad); Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Monday, Dec. 14

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

8:30 a.m. – Chameleon Championship, 9 qualifying games (A Squad)
4 p.m. – Chameleon Championship, 9 qualifying games (B squad); Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Tuesday, Dec. 15

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

8:30 a.m. – Scorpion Championship, 9 qualifying games (B Squad)
4 p.m. – Scorpion Championship, 9 qualifying games (A squad); Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Tuesday, Dec. 15

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

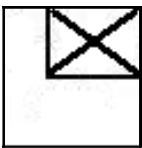
10 a.m. – PBA World Championship cashers' round, 6 games (top 25 percent of the field based on combined 36-game pinfall totals after Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion qualifying rounds); Top 24 after 42 games advance to round robin match play
2:30 p.m. – PBA Tri-Regional Open, 8 qualifying games, all players
5 p.m. – PBA World Championship match play round one (8 games)

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

9 a.m. – PBA Tri-Regional Open match play and finals
10 a.m. – PBA World Championship match play round two (8 games)
5 p.m. – PBA World Championship match play round three (8 games); Top five after 66 games advance to live ESPN finals

MONDAY, DEC. 14

10 a.m. – Cheetah Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play (qualifiers 9-24)
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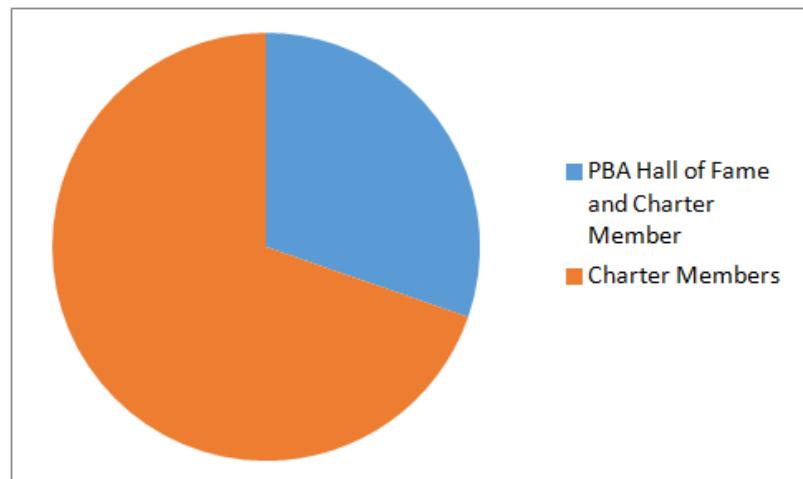


Strike Column– PBA Charter Members Analysis

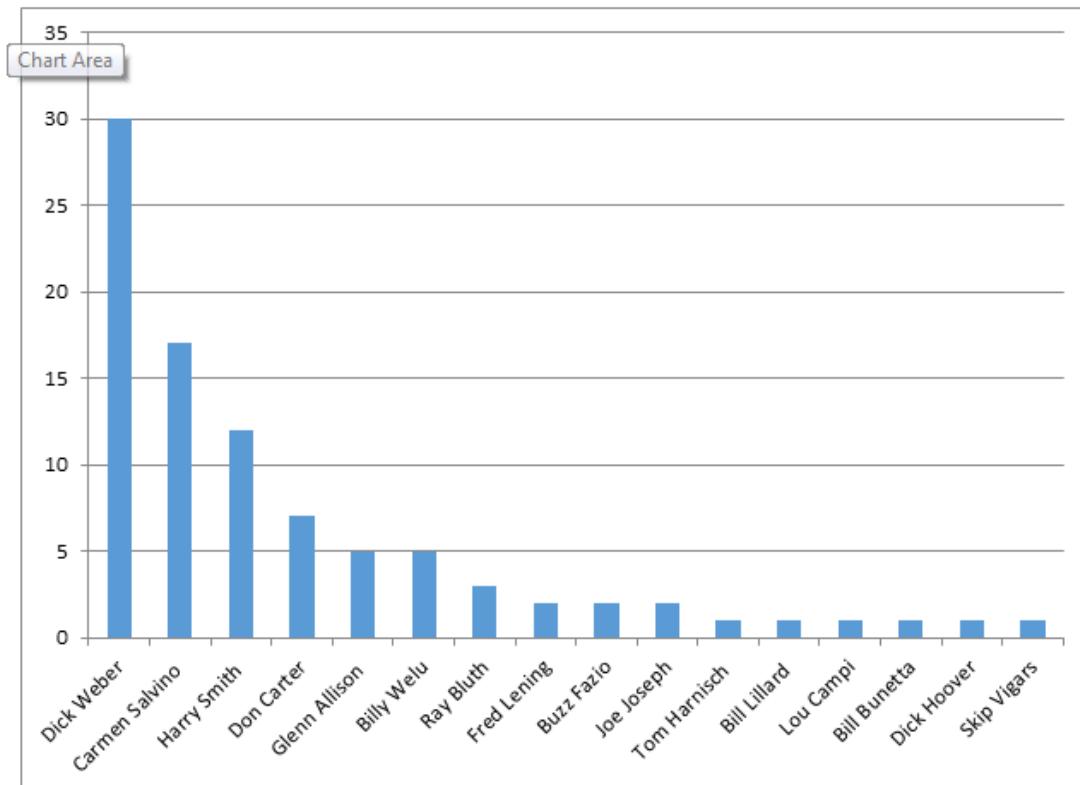
The PBA Charter Members were the greatest bowlers of their era. Eddie Elias created the elite bowling league called the PBA. In 1959, the PBA landed three tournaments. The three were like regional tournaments, but were more like what we know today as national tournaments. Lou Campi won the first one, then Dick Weber won the last two. The purse for the entire year was \$49,500. Dick Weber became the fastest bowler to win three titles. He won the first tournament in 1960.

The chart below shows the charter members who won the most titles. Even though Chuck Pezzano never won a title, he became a Hall-of-Famer because of his meritorious service as PBA Charter

member. Don Carter and Carmen Salvino were other legends who were charter members. Charter Member Dick Weber ranked highest in number of overall titles, with 30 to his credit.



PBA Charter Members Titlist



Moment in History

The Greatest Comeback at the TOC

In 2008, the greatest comeback game was about to happen. In the TOC. Chris Barnes was leading over Michael Haugen Jr. by 52 pins with 5 frames to go. Barnes started off with a turkey following by a spare and then doubled. Bowling fans thought it was certain that he would win his second TOC. However, Michael had something to say about that. Michael started off slow with a couple early splits in the game. In the second frame, he left the 4,6,7 got the count by picking up the 4 and the 7. He went spare strike after that. Then last, an-

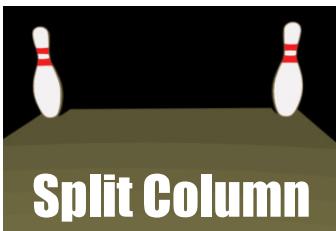


other split 4,7,10. He got the 4 and 7, getting the count. From the 7 frame on, he started striking. Barnes went spare, spare and missed the 10 pin in the 9 frame. This gave Michael a little breathing room. As he posted a 215. Barnes needed to step up and fill 20 in the 10 frame. However, Barnes could only fill 19 giving Haugen the title. It was the greatest comeback in the history of the TOC. The final score was 215-214. This was Michael's first appearance in the TOC. It was his second career PBA third title. It was an amazing feat being down 52 pins at the half way point of the match.

X X X X **Off the Sheet**

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 a bowler journal had some interesting topics about bowling history. 50 years ago, Billy Welu becomes the first bowler to successfully defend the USBC masters title by coming out of the loser's bracket. Eddie Elias won the BBIA in the industry award. Dick Weber and Ray Bluth set a new score record in the



Split Column

Breakpoint

Bowling ESPYs

Parker Bohn III, Jason Belmonte, and Mike Fagan have been named finalists for ESPN's ESPY "Best Bowler" award.

Bohn won the PBA Players Championship, giving him 34 career PBA Titles. This tied Mark Roth, who was influential to Bohn early on in Bohn's career.

Belmonte became the first bowler to three-peat the USBC Masters in 2015, and joined Mike Aulby as the only bowlers to have three Masters titles. One week after his Masters victory, Belmonte also became the second bowler (the other Jason Couch) to successfully defend his Tournament of Champions title.

Fagan won the PBA World Championship, his fifth career title and second career major.

Past winners of the award are Pete Weber (2013 and 2014), Sean Rash (2012), and Belmonte (2011).

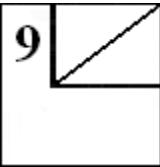
Bowling fans can vote on ESPN.com. The winner will be announced on July 15.

Flashback

BPAA national double championship by defeating David Soutar and Tom Harnisch. In Milwaukee, 25 years ago, Dave Ferraro defeats Tony Westlake to win the firestone TOC. He would claim the top prize of \$50,000. Jim Pencak improved his record in the Showboat Atlantic by becoming the most victories in the championship round by going 15-0. Chris Warren would defeat David Ozio in 1990 USBC masters. Warren would collect \$43,600 in prize money. Ten years ago, Steve Jaros won the TOC. 10

years ago Steve Jaros won the Tournament of Champions, collecting \$100,000. Randy Pedersen made it to the semifinal match against Jaros, but lost by one pin when a heckler coughed during his final delivery. Ebonite International had their centennial celebration. A documentary called "A League of Ordinary Gentlemen" was released, shedding light on efforts of new owners to revive the PBA tour.

Jason Couch and Jason Belmonte that have successfully defended their TOC titles in 2000 & 2015



Spare Column

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

Gomez wins his third career PBA Tour Title

By Dennis Bergendorf

Andres Gomez won his third Tour title, the PBA xtra Frame Pensacola Spouth Open, by defeating Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., 211-192.

The former Colombian now lives in Hollywood, Fla. He has strikes in the ninth and tenth frames to lock up the @10,000 first prize on the demanding PBA Bear lane pattern. He survived an open frame (a 2-10 split) in the eighth to claim the win.

The stepladder was shown exclusively on Xtra Frame, and started with Dagherty beating 16-time PBA titleist Tommy Jones, 247-233. Then he defeated Southwest Region Rookie of the Year Anthony Simonsen, 237-212. Simonsen is an 18-year-old-two-handed player from Princeton, Tex.

Gomez previously won PBA Tour titles in the 2011 and 2013 Carmen Salvino Classic tournaments.

The Xtra Frame Pensacola Open was the third PBA Tour even covered exclusively live on by PBA's exclusive online video-streaming service. Earlier in the year, Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, won the DHC PBA Japan Invitational in Tokyo—the first international even ever streamed live on Xtra Frame—and Josh Blanchard of Phoenix, Ariz., won the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.



Andres Gomez—Winner of the Pensacola South Open

Pensacola South Open		
8 Game Cash Bowler +/-	C.Dupre & W. Malott	-27
8 Game Cut+/-	M.Williams & J.Mooney	+57
8 Game Leader+/-	Kristopher Prather	+131
20 Game Cut Bowler +/-	Tommy Jones	+407
20 Game Leader	Andres Gomez	+566
300 Games	0	

Championship Round Stats					
High Game	247 Tom Daugherty				
Low Game	192 Tom Daugherty				
High Match	Tom Daugherty	Tommy Jones	247	233	
Low Match	Andres Gomez	Tom Daugherty	211	192	
Average Winning Game	231.66				

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	2.	Anthony Simonsen	212	Tom Daugherty	- 192	Champion
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4.	Tommy Jones	- 233				

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

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FRIDAY, DEC. 18

9 a.m. – PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge match play qualifying event (8 games head-to-head match play; top two in each event advance to PBA Challenge Finals on ESPN)

ESPN TELEVISION FINALS SCHEDULE**THURSDAY, DEC. 17**

4 p.m. (7 p.m. ET) – PBA World Championship, five-player stepladder finals (live on ESPN)

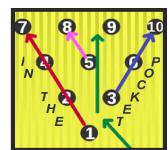
FRIDAY, DEC. 18

TBA – Cheetah Championship ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)
 TBA – Viper Championship ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)
 TBA – Chameleon Championship ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)
 TBA – Scorpion Championship ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

TBA – PBA Challenge Series Finals (PBA50 Challenge, PBA Regional Challenge, PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge, Teen Masters Grand Championship)

Top 10 PBA Highlights In This Decade (To Date)



10.

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. wins his 7th Chris Schenkel Player of the Year honor beating Earl Anthony by one. Anthony earned 6 honors.

9.

Chris Barnes becomes the fifth player to complete the Triple Crown by winning the PBA World Championship.

8.

In 2014, Jason Belmonte becomes the third player to successfully defend his USBC Masters title in 57 years.

7.

In 2012, Pete Weber becomes the first bowler to ever win 5 U.S. Open titles, surpassing his legendary father, Dick Weber, by one title.

6.

Ronnie Russell becomes the 24th player in PBA history to bowl a perfect game on national television.

5.

Sean Rash becomes the 23rd player to throw a 300 game on national television.

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Sean Rash becomes the first player to throw two perfect games on national television—during the 50th edition of the Tournament of Champions.

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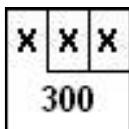
Pete Weber becomes the first bowler to complete the Triple Crown to win the 2013 TOC.

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Mika Koivuniemi wins \$250,000 at the 2011 Tournament of Champions, the highest first place winnings for a PBA tournament.

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Jason Belmonte becomes the first bowler to win 3 consecutive USBC Masters titles joining Mike Aulby. He would also become the second player to successfully defend his TOC title in 2015.



Special Recognition Award Speech

To Family and Friends

Thank you, Mom and Dad for taking me to tournaments. Thank you, Jenny, Curtis, Zane, Mike, Jessica, Laureen, Eric, and Alexander for helping me with the **2012-2013 Media Guide**. I always wanted to do a project like this. I started to do a Media Guide for the Exempt PBA Tour but I did not follow through with it. Thank you, Steve, for my USBC Bronze Coaching Certification. Thank you for letting me take the actual exam online. In my opinion, the PBA is the greatest entity in the sport of bowling. Even though they are not thriving as other major professional sports, I still believe the PBA is the greatest bowling organization in the world. I really did not want to duplicate what the PBA did in the past with their Media Guides. I just tweaked my guide and created my own concepts of presenting the same data that the PBA had done in the past.

I asked PBA President Steve Miller if I could become a PBA member. He replied, "Why not." In 2001, I became an honorary PBA member. The next week, I received my PBA membership card and it said, "Congratulations to our number one fan." Later that year, **PBA.com** wrote an article on my becoming a PBA super fan. I love the sport of bowling, and I remember Mike Aulby having an interview with Mike Durbin. Mike Aulby shared that his skill increased when he was bowling for a trophy instead of bowling for a cash prize.

The first time I met Dave Wodka, he asked me who my favorite bowler was. I said, "Mike Aulby". Lo and behold, guess who was right there? You guessed it – Parker Bohn! He was mad, but he said that he could deal with that. Man, do I wish I had been a part of the 70s, when bowling was at its prime. Seven years ago on

Memorial Day weekend, I started the ***Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter***. I had no idea that I would win this many IMBA contest awards. This was the first year I have come in third, second and first place, as well as winning a special recognition award. The IMBA distributes certificates for the first three places. I have also written a book, "**Bowling From Another View**".

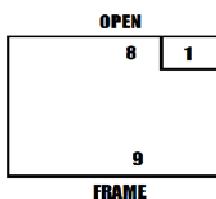
These awards are as much Mom's and Dad's as they are mine. Thank you and I love you! Dennis – thank you for allowing me to write for the ***Bowlers Journal International***. There is one more person to thank. Unfortunately, he is no longer with us because he passed away. Harry Wolfe gave me my first job as a bowling writer. You guys



that are here tonight can ask my Mom what I wanted to do with my life.... She'll say, "Josh wanted to be a bowling writer."

My parents and I went to Niagara Falls then on to the U.S. Open. One of my bowling articles was published that week. The New York papers would not cover the U.S. Open; however, I was there, so they did a human interest story on me. Parker Bohn and I were on the front page of the ***The Daily Messenger*** (Canandaiga, NY). Thank you all for coming tonight and celebrating my biggest achievement in bowling!

Award Party



On July 11, 2015, I will be making the above speech at a party that I am hosting in my home. I would love for you to come! I will be recognized at an awards ceremony at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas on June 24, 2015.

My IBMA awards will be collected on my behalf then forwarded to me.

Please RSVP by calling me (phone: 574-306-2076) by July 3rd if you are planning to attend. Once you arrive, you must state this password—"Josh Hyde is the greatest bowling writer of all-time". Yes, it is that easy! Hope to see you then.

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