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Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

PBA Xtra Frame Points and Schedule

Welcome to another issue of **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**. **Messenger** discusses the PBA Xtra frame points and schedule. The **Spare Column** has the 2016 PWBA tour schedule. It also has an announcement about Qubica AMF being a title sponsor for the regional tour, and the entire April regional tournament schedule. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary covering professional bowling across the board. Thanks for reading **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**.

On the tenth of last month, the PBA announced that the Xtra Frame PBA Tour was expanded to include a \$10,000.00 winner-take-all bonus for the Xtra Frame Tour points champion. The first event will be April 4th through the 6th presented by BowlingBall.com. The season will conclude at the 8th PBA WSOB. Each of these events will have a minimum \$10,000.00 first place check to the winner and a PBA Tour Title. Randy Pedersen and Mike J. Laneside will be commentating on the events throughout the tournament. The point system is as follows, according to the press release: "the winning player will earn 25 points toward the end-of-series bonus. Second place will earn 19 points, third place 18 points, fourth place 17 points, etc., down to 20th place, which will be worth one point."



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April 4-6 – Xtra Frame PBA Maine Shootout presented by bowlingball.com, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine.

April 22-24 – Xtra Frame PBA Storm Open, Liberty Lanes, Carpentersville, Illinois.

June 3-5 –Xtra Frame PBA Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro Bowling Center, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

June 24-26 – Xtra Frame PBA Lubbock Sports Open, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas.

July 29-31 – Xtra Frame PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Bowl on Bellaire, Houston, Texas.

Aug. 19-21 – Xtra Frame PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center, Middletown, Delaware.

Sept. 23-25 – Xtra Frame PBA Detroit Open, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Michigan.

Oct. 1-2 - Xtra Frame PBA Parkside Lanes Open, Parkside Bowl, Aurora, Illinois.

Oct. 7-9 – Xtra Frame PBA Reality Check Tamarac Open, Sawgrass Lanes, Tamarac, Florida.

Moment in History

Belmonte's Masters 3-Peat and 2nd Player to Successfully Defend His ToC Title

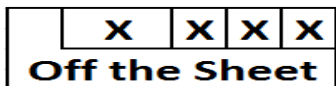
In 2014, Jason Belmonte became the second player to successfully defend his USBC Masters title. A year later, he would be seeking a third USBC Masters Title joining Mike Aulby as being the only players to win USBC Masters titles. He would also join Jason Couch and Earl Anthony for three-peating a major title. He would lose the top seed in the preliminary match to A.J. Johnson. This would give him the second seed position along the way. Pete Weber was looking for his first Masters. However, Belmonte was determined to win his third consecutive Masters. Weber was looking really strong as he defeated his first two opponents -Martin Larsen and Mike Devaney. It looked like Weber was going to win, but Weber got the first strike and the second ball he left a ringing ten pin.



Belmonte made Weber double in the tenth and get count to advance to the championship game 232 to 210 which enabled Belmonte to advance to the championship match. The match was close between A.J. Johnson and Belmonte at the beginning. However, toward the end of the game, Johnson got a couple open frames and this enabled Belmonte to make history by becoming the first bowler to three-peat the Masters 202 to 157.

A week later, Belmonte would once again have a chance at PBA history. Sean Rash became the first player in PBA history to throw two perfect games on national television. Rhino Page had led the tournament wire-to-wire. Belmonte was going to have his hands full. He was

able to find the pocket and strike. Rash could not keep on striking as Belmonte was able to find the pocket by shooting a 235 game. Rash could only muster a 203 game by struggling to allow Belmonte to advance to the championship game. Once again in the championship game, Rhino Page led the entire tournament from Round 1 to the final round of match play. Rhino was looking to make history as George Pappas did. Back in 1979, Pappas led the tournament from the beginning to the end. Belmonte wanted to add his name to the history books by adding a second TOC title to his resume'. He would join Jason Couch in becoming the second bowler to defend his TOC title. Belmonte struck on seven out of eight shots. Page had a chance by doubling but could not take advantage. This gave Belmonte his 12th career tour title and his fifth major to add on his accomplishments. He would join Jason Couch as becoming the second player in PBA history to successfully defend his TOC title.



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

Last month, Bowler's Journal International wrote about the top players who have the best records, averages, appearances, and wins. It shows three different players; Walter Ray Williams Jr who has 176 Championship Round Appearances, Jim Pencak who has the highest win-

ning percentage, and Ryan Ciminelli who has the highest average on national television.

For comparison twenty years ago, Earl Anthony ended his career with 114 Championship Round Appearances. Walter has 62 more appearance which is the equivalent of two season of being in every show.

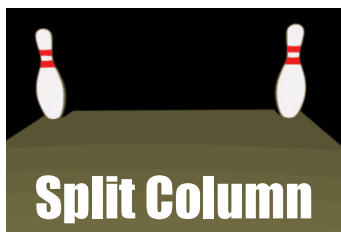
The article also talks about Jim Pencak who has the highest winning percentage, however, he only had 12 appearances in his entire PBA

career. It finishes with a look at the television finals average. On the top of that list 2015 US Open winner, Ryan Ciminelli with a 230.55 average with 14 appearances. Their bowling fans need to look at all the stats and not just one.

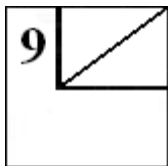
- Editor's note -

There will be a further analysis of these stats in an upcoming month of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

Almanac



Earl Anthony, Jason Couch, and Jason Belmonte are the only three bowlers in PBA history to three-peat a Major



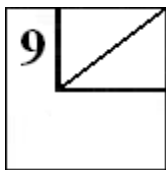
Spare Column

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

PWBA Schedule

Dates	Tournament
April 29-May 1, 2016	PWBA Las Vegas Open Texas Station - North Las Vegas, NV 89032
May 5-7, 2016	Nationwide PWBA Sonoma County Open Double Decker Lanes - Rohnert Park, CA 94928
May 12-15, 2016	PWBA Storm Sacramento Open Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes - Citrus Heights, CA 95610
May 20-26, 2016	USBC Queens The Orleans - Las Vegas, NV 89103
June 2-5, 2016	PWBA Wichita Open Northrock Lanes - Wichita, KS 67226
June 9-12, 2016	Pepsi PWBA Lincoln Open Sun Valley Lanes - Lincoln, NE 68528
June 16-19, 2016	PWBA Greater Detroit Open Super Bowl - Canton, MI 48187
June 23-26, 2016	Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley - Green Bay, WI 54304
June 30-July 3, 2016	PWBA Lexington Open Collins Bowling Center - Eastland - Lexington, KY 40505
July 7-10, 2016	PWBA Rochester Open AMF Gates Lanes - Rochester, NY 14606
July 14-17, 2016	PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open Seminole Lanes - Seminole, FL 33777
July 29-31, 2016	PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Bowl On Bellaire - Houston, TX 77025
Aug. 2-7, 2016	U.S. Women's Open - TBD
TBD	Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship - TBD





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QubicaAMF is the Title Sponsor of the PBA Regional Tour



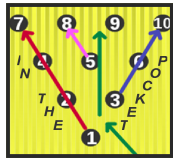
QUBICAAMF

On March 9th, the PBA announced that QubicaAMF will be the title sponsor of the PBA Regional Tour. John Weber, PBA Director of Regional and PBA50 Tours, stated, "Since the PBA Regional program was officially launched in 1970, thousands of bowlers have had an opportunity to experience PBA-level competition in hundreds of cities across America." Pat Ciniello, Chairman of the Board of QubicaAMF, added, "We are thrilled to be able to give this boost to the Regional Tour and partner with the PBA."

The PBA Regional program has more tournaments during the summer season. Top amateurs and top pros compete at the second highest level of professional bowling—the Regional Tour. QubicaAMF will be adding money back in the prize fund to entice bowlers to join the PBA.

Below is the April QubicaAMF Regional Schedule:

Region	Date	Tournament	Location
Northwest	Friday, April 08 - Sunday, April 10	PBA Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial Classic	Dublin, CA
Northwest	Friday, April 08 - Sunday, April 10	PBA50 Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial Classic	Dublin, CA
West	Friday, April 08 - Sunday, April 10	PBA Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial Classic	Dublin, CA
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Southwest	Friday, April 08 - Sunday, April 10	PBA FireLake Grand Casino Hotel Resort Southwest Open, presented by Brunswick	Shawnee, OK
Central	Friday, April 08 - Sunday, April 10	PBA Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Grove City Family Dentistry & Track	Grove City, OH
East	Friday, April 15 - Sunday, April 17	PBA Bowlers Discount Pro Shop Eastern Open presented by Hammer	Ellicott City, MD
Central	Saturday, April 16 - Sunday, April 17	PBA Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by Brunswick (Reduced Entry Fee/One Day Event)	Elkhart, IN
Midwest	Saturday, April 16 - Sunday, April 17	PBA Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by Brunswick (Reduced Entry Fee/One Day Event)	Elkhart, IN
South	Wednesday, April 20 - Friday, April 22	PBA50 Sarasota Open presented by Ebonite	Sarasota, Fl.
Midwest	Friday, April 22 - Sunday, April 24	PBA Xtra Frame Storm Open	Carpentersville, IL
Northwest	Sunday, April 24	PBA Hawaii West/Northwest Open	Schofield Army Base, HI
West	Sunday, April 24	PBA Hawaii West/Northwest Open	Schofield Army Base, HI
West	Wednesday, April 27	PBA Fort Shafter West/Northwest Hawaii Open	Honolulu, HI
Northwest	Wednesday, April 27	PBA Fort Shafter West/Northwest Hawaii Open	Honolulu, HI
South	Thursday, April 28 - Saturday, April 30	PBA50 Cherokee Lanes Canton South Open presented by Roto Grip	Canton, Ga.
Northwest	Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 01	PBA Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open	Hickam AFB, HI
West	Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 01	PBA Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open	Hickam AFB, HI



In the Pocket

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

Top Ten Greatest Regional Players

10. Dennis Horan
30 Titles

9. Hugh Miller
32 Titles

8. Walter Ray Williams Jr.
32 Titles

7. Ross Packard
33 Titles

6. Sam Zurich
38 Titles

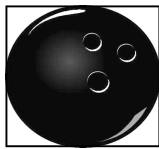
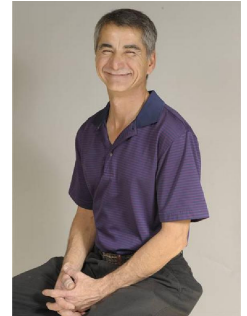
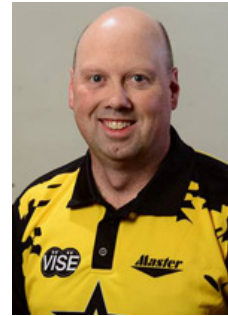
5. Dale Traber
40 Titles

4. Mike Scroggins
40 Titles

3. Chris Warren
42 Titles

2. Steve Jaros
42 Titles

1. Pete Weber
48 Titles



BOWLOLOGY

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

#8 Great Minds of Bowling

Del Ballard Jr

"My greatest accomplishment to me really was my career. Not one tournament sticks out more except maybe my first. 1987 U.S. Open."

3. What is the best advice that you can give to bowlers and Why? *"To me the greatest revolution in bowling is the 2 handed style. Even though at release it is done with one hand."*

4. What is the best advice you can give to bowlers and Why? *"Today's bowlers need to know the basics. Good fundamentals. Including making spares. Too much focus is*

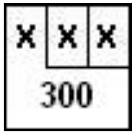
1. Do you still bowl in league?
"No, I do not still bowl in a league. I travel way too much for Storm Bowling products as their tour rep on PBA and PWBA tours."
2. What was the highlight of your PBA Career?

made on strikes."

Closing comment. *"The most amazing performance at a tour stop was by WRW Jr. 1993 U.S Open. They were hard and you had to play fall back from left of 20 long ball returns. But he led by 500 pins going into the show by playing 12. All the finalists got out there on practice pairs and tried it. NONE OF US could hit the 1-3. And he led by 500!!! It was an amazing performance. On TV, he had to play inside and I won. He really won that event, I just won on tv."*

13 time PBA Tour Titlist, 4 time Major Champion, and USBC and PBA Hall of Famer

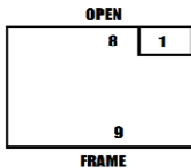




Covering Professional Bowling Across the Board

Since the start of the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter . The main purpose has been to promote professional bowling. In 2014 the USBC made an announcement for the rebirth of the PWBA Tour. The last tour season for the PWBA was in 2003. In the up coming months I will not only be covering the PBA50, PBA, and PBA Regional Tours; but the JHBN additionally will cover the PWBA Tour as well. This publication is primarily covering professional bowling. In all aspects of the greatest bowling tour of the entire universe . It is where the best bowlers can compete at the highest level of professional bowling.

At the 2007 USBC convention PBA commissioner Fred Schreyer announced that the



In the Fall of 2005, I started a website called probowlersuperfan.com. There was a number of weekly stats on the top bowlers in the season. It also had news, upcoming tournaments, and career stats.

Jump two and a half years later in 2008, I started the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter. At

women would bowl in their own competition at some of the PBA Tour in the ‘07-’08 season. These tournaments would be known as the PBA Women’s series tournaments. The very next year they would have a PBA Women’s World Championship with the winner (Kelly Kullick) earning a spot in the Tournament of Champions. Ironically the woman who won that tournament would end up winning the Tournament of Champions.

When the USBC announced that the PWBA was going to have a 3 year deal Kelly picked up the leader role as the PWBA spokes person. This is what I will be covering in the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter.

Thanks for reading this months addition of the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter.



Kelly Kullick PWBA spokes person



Open Frame Column: A Decade of Covering the Greatest Sport

first, it was a single page newsletter, but it quickly grew to include interviews, a moment in history, and an editorial. It is now a six page monthly newsletter with a possibility of ten different columns covering all aspects of the sport. There have also been special editions for large tournaments and detailed statistics. Some of the articles have

even won amateur writing awards.

It has opened doors to write for other publications which has been my dream. At tournaments, I am a sports writer and not just a fan.

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