



## Practice Pair

## Messenger

### 2016 PBA Tour Schedule

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**. **Messenger** discusses 2016 PBA Tour Schedule. The **Strike Column** analyzes the top bowlers of the 70's. The **Spare Column** highlights PBA50 Award Winners and Shafer's 5th PBA Tour Title. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary on going to every Major twice.

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

- Josh Hyde



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On August 19th, the PBA announced that ESPN will have 36 consecutive years of broadcasting the PBA Tour. Beginning on December 17th, ESPN will broadcast live two-hour coverage of the PBA World Championship at the 7th PBA World Series of Bowling. It will air at 7pm. All the Major events will be a live Broadcast. The USBC Masters will take place February 7th through February 14th in Indianapolis at Woodland Bowl.

"The PBA is looking forward to building on our exciting 2014-2015 season which saw our audience increase by 23 percent, the largest year-over-year viewership increase in decades", PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark said.

The last scheduled PBA telecast is May 8th, 2016, for the PBA League Elias Cup finals in Portland, Maine. Here is a list of the 2015 – 2016 PBA Television scheduled events.

#### **2015-16 PBA-ESPN TELECAST SCHEDULE (all times are Eastern)**

- Thursday, Dec. 17 – PBA World Championship (live), 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 20 – WSOB VII PBA Cheetah Championship, 1 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 27 – WSOB VII PBA Viper Championship, 1 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 3 – WSOB VII PBA Chameleon Championship, 1 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 10 – WSOB VII PBA Scorpion Championship, 1 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 17 – Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, 1 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 24 – WSOB VII PBA Challenge Finals (PBA-PWBA Women's Regional, PBA Regional and PBA50 Tour Finals plus Teen Masters Grand Championship), 3 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 31 (ESPN2) – DHC PBA Japan Invitational from Tokyo, 1 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 7 – PBA FireLake Tournament of Champions (live), 2 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 14 – United States Bowling Congress Masters (live), 1 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 21 – PBA Players Championship (live), 1 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 21 – World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA, 3 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 28 – Chris Paul's CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, 1 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17 – PBA League Quarterfinals, 1 p.m.
- Sunday, April 24 – PBA League Quarterfinals, 1 p.m.
- Sunday, May 1 – PBA League Semifinals, 1 p.m.
- Sunday, May 8 – PBA League Elias Cup Finals, 1 p.m.

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**Moment in History**

**Burton's Scoring Record**

The sixth stop on the PBA tour was held at Dick Weber Lanes in suburban St Louis. Nelson Burton, Jr. was a color commentator for the pro-bowlers tour on ABC-TV. However, he was still competing on the PBA Tour and had qualified for the show. This put proprietor, Dick Weber, in the color commentator seat. Dick's son, Pete, qualified as the top seed for the step ladder finals. Marshall Holman, Pete Couture, and Paul Gibson were the other finalists. In the first match, Burton defeated Paul Gibson 278 to 218. In the next match, Marshall Holman was defeated by Burton 279 to 217. The semi-finals was the closest match

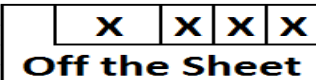


of them all, as Burton defeated Pete Couture 257 to 249. Burton had shot 814, averaging 271.3 for his first 3 games. In the championship match, the game would feature two local bowlers—Pete Weber and Nelson Burton, Jr. Burton was starting to leave 10 pins in the last game but then pulled away striking in the latter half of the game. Weber could only muster a 184, while Burton shot a 236 for his 17th career PBA tour title. His 4-game total score was 1,050 which was an average of 262.5. This record would hold up for 11 years before Ozio shot 1,070 in the Dick Weber Classic. A few months later, Bob Learns Jr. would shoot his unbelievable record of 1,129 on national television.

**Breakpoint**

**Xtra Frame Covers the First PBA Team Challenge**

For the first time, the PBA is doing a PBA team challenge. The tournament will consist of thirty games of qualifying . All teams will bowl twelve more Baker games after a total of forty-two games of qualifying games. The top eight teams will bowl eight more Baker games head-to-head matches. The top four teams that survive a total of fifty games of Baker and team regular games. The four teams will advance to the step-ladder finals live on Xtra Frame. For more information and a rooster log onto PBA.com.



*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, **Bowlers Journal International** selected their All-American team. The bowlers that made the team were: Josh Blanchard, Mike Fagan, Ronnie Russell, and Bill O'Neill. The captain for the men's side was —yep, you guessed it—

**BJI All-Americans**

Jason Belmonte, who became the first bowler to 3-peat the Masters and the second bowler to defend his TOC title. He joins Mike Aulby as being the only two bowlers to win three USBC Masters.

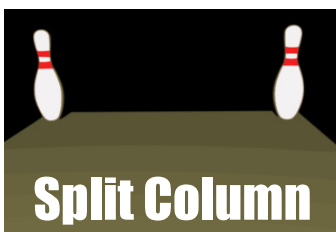
Josh Blanchard won his first PBA title at the Brunswick Euro-Challenge. Later on, he would win his second title at the Xtra Frame Maine Shootout.

Mike Fagan won his second Major at the PBA World Championship.

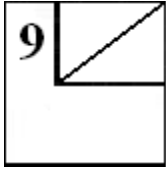
Ronnie Russell became the 24th bowler to bowl a perfect game on national television.

Bill O'Neill won the Oklahoma Open in the Summer Swing.

It was a great class for the 2015 BJI All-American team.



**In 1975, Earl Anthony became the first bowler to earn \$100,000 in a single season**



## Spare Column

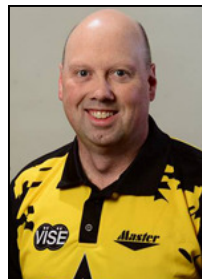
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## PBA50 Award Winners

### Weber Earns His First Player of the Year

After 35 years of competing on the PBA Tour, Pete Weber finally earned his Player of the Year honor on the PBA50 Tour. By winning the U.S. Senior Open this year, he joined Norm Duke in becoming the 2nd bowler to win both the U.S. Open and the U.S. Senior Open. He finished 2nd at the Senior USBC Masters. After being so close in so many attempts, Weber snagged the award. This was despite the strong efforts of Scroggins who captured 3 titles and Bohn who won two titles of his own.

“It took me 35 years to do it, but I’ve got a Player of the Year title. PBA Tour or PBA50 Tour, I don’t care. I’ll take it,” said Weber, who will turn 53 on Friday (Aug. 21). “I didn’t have a lot of wins this season, but I had a lot of top finishes and I did well in the (PBA50) majors, which was good enough to achieve another goal in my career.”



**At left: (starting far left to right):**  
Pete Weber, Tom Baker, and Mike Scroggins, winners of the PBA50 awards.

one of the oldest bowlers to win a Major Title.

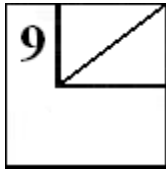
### Baker Earns His First PBA60 Player of the Year

Tom Baker added another PBA50 Player of the Year honor, who earned his first PBA60 Player of the Year. This makes him have a total of five PBA50 Player of the Year honors. His highest finish came at the United Healthcare Sun Bowl in the Villages in Florida. He also added a fourth place finish at the Miller High Life Classic. Baker had a total of five top ten finishes on the PBA50 tour this season. The ten times titlist on the PBA tour sure knows how to strike when he needs it. He is one of the best bowlers on the PBA50 circuit. He is also a PBA Hall of Famer. Tom has won back to back USBC Senior Masters and he has also won a couple Senior US Open Titles. His last PBA Tour title came at the 2004 PBA World Championship which gave him a five year exemption on the PBA Tour. . In 2004 he became

### Scroggins Captures PBA50 Rookie of the Year

Mike Scroggins captured the PBA50 Rookie of the Year honor. He did it by winning 3 titles in 2015 PBA Tour season. His first win came at The Villages against Parker Bohn III. It did not take him long as he would win again at the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open. During his first win, Scroggins mentioned that his first PBA Tour stop was at Ducat’s Imperial Lanes in Toledo, Ohio, at the PBA National World Championship. The Villages is owned by Mike Ducat, the son of Darrell Ducat (previous owner of Ducat Imperial Lanes). Mike even won the last PBA50 stop at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for his 3rd career PBA50 title. However, this was not a guaranteed lock on PBA50 Player of the Year for Scroggins as Weber finished 7th at the Pro Bowl West tournament.





## Spare Column Continued

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

### Shafer wins title # 5 at the Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic

On August 23rd, 2015 Ryan Shafer ended the 12 year drought by winning the Jene Carter Pro-Shop Classics. He defeated Marshal Kent 254 to 144. Kent climbed the ladder by defeated John Szczerbinski 225 to 189. In the semi-finals Kent defeated Tommy Gollick 242 to 244. It would be the closest game of the step ladder finials . In the position round of the game Marshal Kent shot 270 game to vault him from 8th place to third place.

“Its been a long time, 12 years. I’m glad its over. It really feels good. They were a little toasty the second 8 games today.” Shafer said

Ryan noted that bowlers had to make their spares in order to be successful during the second eight games of match play because of not re-oiling the lanes.

Shafer qualified seventh for the match play portion of the tournament. He won ten of his sixteen matches during match play averaging 221 to give him the top seed of the step ladder finals.

It took a score of -3 by Ethan Gray to receive the last cash spot. It would take a score of +100 by Kristan Rogers to make match play. Kyle Troup would be the seven game qualifying lead with a score of +320. There were no 300s game in the tournament. The pattern was the PBA World Championship. The tournament had total of 180 entries vying for the \$15,000 top prize and a PBA Tour title.



Above: at left G. Carter, at right Ryan Shafer

Tournament Stats		
7 Game Cash	-3	Ethan Gray
7 Game Cut	+100	Kristian Rogers
7 Game Leader	+320	Kyle Troup
23 Game Cut #	+711	John Szczerbinski
23 Game Leader #	+799	Ryan Shafer
# 300 Games		

Championship Round Stats		
High Game	Ryan Shafer 254	
Low Game	Marshall Kent 144	
High Match	Kent 244	Gollick 242
Low Match	Shafer 254	Kent 154
Average Winning Game	241.33	

				1.	Ryan Shafer	- 254	Ryan Shafer
				2.	Tommy Gollick	- 242	<b>Champion</b>
					Marshall Kent	- 144	
3.	Marshall Kent	- 225			Marshall Kent	- 244	
4.	John Szczerbinski	- 189					

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## Tenth Frame — Commentary

### Going to Every Major Twice

Last month, the PBA announced that the USBC Masters was going to be in Indianapolis at Woodland Bowl. In my 20s, I had set a goal to go to every Major by the time I was 30. I set another goal—by the time I was 35, I wanted to go to every Major twice. The last day of next year’s Masters is a month before my 35th birthday. I have a prediction that I would like to share with the bowling community, but first a little background.....Whenever Pete Weber has won in Indianapolis, it has always been a Major. In 2013, he had completed the Triple Crown twice by winning the Tournament of Champions. This would make him the 2nd bowler to complete the Super Slam. He would be joining Mike Aulby as being the only 2 bowlers to complete the Super Slam. My prediction is that Pete Weber will win his Masters at Woodland Bowl, in 2016. It will also be my 28th Major that I have attended. Attending a Major is an honor as a bowling writer. Seeing

the greatest bowlers at their best is a thrilling experience. Bowlers know that they are bowling for a Major title. This title will also give them a USBC Eagle which every bowler hopes to accomplish. Mike Aulby has the most Eagles by winning 3 Masters as a pro bowler. Many historical moments have happened at Woodland Bowl when they’ve hosted a Major. It will be the 2nd time that Indy has hosted the Masters. In 1974, Paul Colwell won the Masters. It was held at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Here are some of the historic moments that have happened at Woodland Bowl:

- 3) In 2006, Walter Ray Williams, Jr. tied Earl Anthony at winning 41 titles.
- 4) In 1991, after winning the U.S. Open, Pete Weber’s trophy tumbled after he lifted it and broke.

Thanks for reading this bowling newsletter. I look forward to bringing more bowling news to bowling fans.

- 1) This year, Jason Belmonte became the 2nd bowler to successfully defend his title at the T.O.C.
- 2) In 2013, Pete became the 1st bowler to complete the Triple Crown twice.

**Below:** The 2015 Special Recognition Award for my 2012-13 PBA Media Guide. **At right:** 1st & 2nd place awards in Editorial; and 3rd place award in Newsletter.



**Below:** Josh Hyde “at the office”, Editor of Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter.



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