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2015 PBA TOUR SEASON Highlights

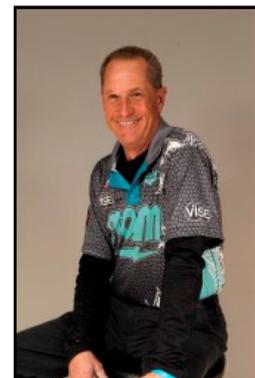
Welcome to another issue of **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**. **Messenger** highlights the 2015 PBA Tour Season. **King Pin Column:** Moment in History The Year in Review **The Spare Column** discusses the Roll Tech PBA World Championship. **The Tenth Frame** is a commentary on the 7th WSOB Championship. Thanks for reading **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**.
Josh Hyde- Editor

This past year marked another great year for the PBA. Jason Belmonte became the first bowler to three peat the Masters joining Mike Aulby as the only two bowlers who have won the Masters. A week later, he became the second player to successfully defend his Tournament of Champions Title at the 50th Anniversary of the Tournament. He joined Jason Couch as the only other bowler to successfully defend his TOC title. Sean Rash would be also making history at the 50th TOC, as he became the first bowler to bowl 300 twice on national television. Barb Wilt became the second woman to be inducted in the PBA Hall of Fame. Chris Peters, who bought the PBA back in 2000, was also inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame. Pete Weber finally received his Player of the Year Award, by earning the PBA50 Player of the Year. In doing this, he joined Norm Duke as the only other bowler to win both the regular U.S and Senior Open. Xtra Frame went international at the DHC Japan Cup where Chris Barnes won his eighteenth PBA Tour Title. The U.S. Open went old school as the tournament only oiled lanes one time a day. Ryan Ciminelli won his first major at the 2015 U.S Open. At the seventh World Series of Bowling, there was one tournament where no American was in the championship round. Norm Duke and Wes Malott successfully defended the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Championship in Indianapolis. This made Malott eligible for PBA Hall of Fame. Amleto Monacelli won his third career PBA50 Major at the USBC Masters by defeating top seeded Pete Weber. Tom Baker earned his fifth PBA50 Player of the Year award by earning the PBA50 Super Senior Player of the Year.



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From L to R: Jason Belmonte 2015 USBC Masters Champion, Chris Peters 2015 PBA Hall of Fame Inductee, Pete Weber 2015 PBA50 Player of the Year Award Winner.

Moment in History

The Year in Review

The year started off great as I was able to design the PR Kit for the 50th Anniversary of the Tournament of Champions. I was able to complete the USBC Bronze Coaching Exam with an 80% passing score. I also bowled my third 700 series with games of 237, 246, and 237. I was part of the Elkhart regional tournament with a sponsorship program. I was fortunate enough to be involved with voting for the PBA Hall of Fame. *Bowler's Journal International* also wrote about me in the April issue. I also launched the Ten Pin Staffer program. It is a program about bowling industry leaders and their knowledge of the sport. Some of the people

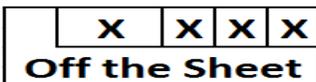


that are involved with the program are Parker Bohn III, USBC Coaching Specialist Teresa Ross, Bowler's Journal International Senior Writer Dennis Bergendorf and Kegel Pattern Specialist John Janawicz. Along with the Ten-Pin Staffer program is the Striking Mastermind program which will increase a bowler's bowling knowledge of the sport to a higher level. In the International Bowling Media Association, I finally came in first, second, and third in two separate divisions. I received a special recognition award for 2012-2013 Media Guide. This was like winning the PBA Tournament of Champions for me. This year also I got to sign a contract with Vise Grips as a regional staff member.

Breakpoint

USBC Three Year Sponsorship Deal

Last month, the USBC signed a deal with the PBA for three years. According to the PBA press release, the USBC "will run commercials showcasing the Future of Sport campaign" during PBA telecasts. PBA Commissioner Tom Clark stated, "Having USBC as a strong national governing body in solid support of professional certainly builds and protects the future for the sport." The partnership between the PBA and USBC is a solid pocket hit for the sport of bowling.



*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, *Bowler's Journal International* wrote about PBA records that will likely be unbroken—for instance, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., 47 PBA Tour titles. The other 4 records are as follows:

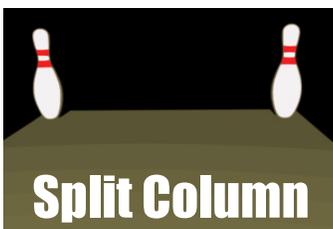
- Billy Hardwick's 8-game

Almanac

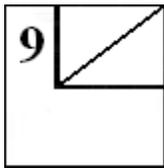
pinfall record of 2155.

- Parker Bohn III has won 3 unofficial majors in which the tournament format was a major format.
- Mike McGrath's perfect match play record of 16 wins with no defeats.
- Dave Davis, the greatest pin margin of 1st place over 2nd place (770 pins) with a match play record 21 wins and 3 losses.

Senior Editor's Opinion: Since the PBA has gone to shorter PBA Tour formats, it will be interesting to see what other pros do in the future. I personally think that as short Cheetah pattern is, Billy Hardwick's 8-game pinfall record is in jeopardy. Also, it will be interesting to see if the PBA Hall of Fame criteria changes. It used to be a bowler would have to win 10 titles to be eligible for the PBA Hall of Fame. I think that Chris Barnes and Tommy Jones can win more 47 titles on the PBA Tour.



Gary Faulkner, Jr. became the 2nd African American bowler to win a major joining George Branham III at this past year's PBA World Championship.



Spare Column

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

Faulkner becomes the Second African-American to win a PBA Major

Gary Faulkner Jr. showed the bowling world that he could bowl on the PBA Tour by defeating the 2012-2013 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year recipient EJ Tackett. By a score of 216 to 178. There were four lefties in the stepladder finals - Rhino Page, Scott Norton, Ryan Ciminelli, and Gary Faulkner Jr. EJ Tackett gained the lead in last game of match play. The first match of the 2015 PBA World Championship saw two formal Rookies of the Year between Scott Norton and Rhino Page. Scott Norton was able to overcome Rhino Page with a score of 215 to 202. In the next game, Norton faced off against Gary Faulkner Jr. Faulkner Jr. made a statement by striking a number of times overwhelming Norton. In the semi-finals, Ryan Ciminelli gave it his best to win his second career major in back to back majors; however, Faulkner was not intimidated by Ryan. Ryan could only muster a 237 game, while Gary shot a 247 to advance in the Championship match. Faulkner looked like he was a veteran on the PBA Tour. He showed no sign of the jitters for his first show. He joins great names Mike Aulby and Mika Koivuniemi as winning a Major as their first title. It had been 14 years since the PBA had a primetime show for a major championship. It was an exciting tournament to watch last month on Xtra Frame and ESPN. The qualifying and match play were on Xtra Frame and the finals were live on ESPN. Ryan Ciminelli looked like he was going to run away with the World Championship. However, EJ Tackett had a great last round of match play to gain the lead. In the early stages of tournament, Stuart Williams led the qualifying with all four animal pattern championships. He could not maintain his lead

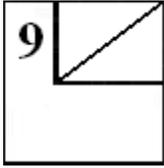
as he would falter in the match play portion. It took a score of +685 to make the cashers round by PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke. In the cashers round, a non-PBA member made the cut with a score of +875 just missing out on the match play with 2012 PBA World Champion Parker Bohn III. Other names that made the cut were: Walter Ray Williams Jr., Dom Barrett, Marshall Kent, Bill O' Neill and Pete Weber. Jason Belmonte made the cashers round but could not get anything going for an unprecedented third major in a season.



Gary Faulkner, Jr.– Winner of the Rolltech PBA World Championship

			1. E.J. Tackett	178	
			2. Ryan Ciminelli	237	
			3. Gary Faulkner Jr.	262	
					Gary Faulkner Jr.
					Champion
4. Scott Norton	215		Gary Faulkner Jr.	216	
			Scott Norton	218	
5. Rhino Page	202		Gary Faulkner Jr.	247	

High Game	Gary Faulkner Jr.		262		
Low Game	E.J. Tackett		178		
High Match	Gary Faulkner Jr.	Ryan Ciminelli	247	-	237
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Average Winning Game	235				

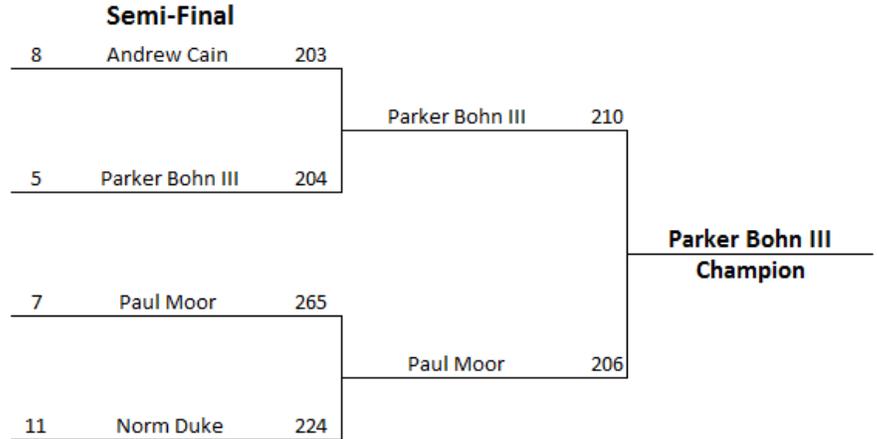


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Bohn wins title # 35 at the Cheetah Championship

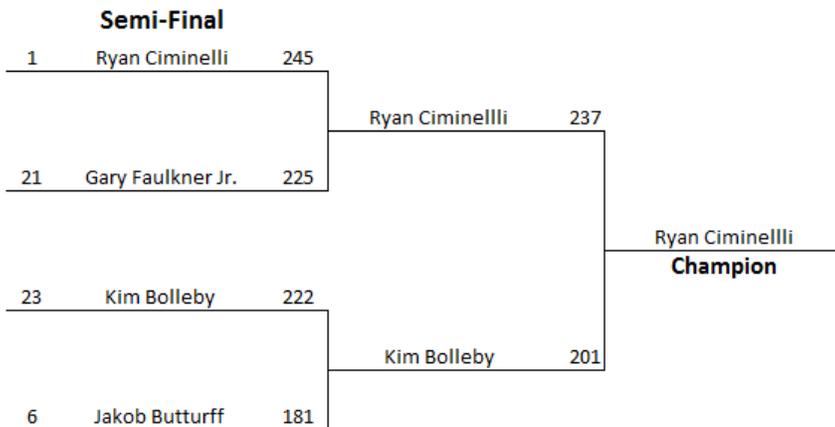
PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III won title # 35 by defeating Paul Moor 210 to 206 just when bowling fans might have thought that Moor had the hammer when he defeated Norm Duke with a score of 265 to 224 in the semi-finals. Bohn had something to say about that. Bohn had defeated past USBC President Andrew Cain in the other semi-final match with a score of 204 to 203. It could have been a PBA Hall of Famer



Championship match had defeated Norm Duke. However Paul Moor kept striking and did not give Duke a chance to win the match. Bohn just barely got by a single pin against Cain. In the championship match Moor ran into transition problems, while Bohn started to strike. Bohn left a 6-7 split Moor could not jump on that opening by the PBA Hall of Famer. Bohn only needed a mark to claim his 35th career title.

Ciminelli Earns Third PBA Tour Title of the Year & 4th Career Title

Ryan Ciminelli put his name in contention for the Chris Schenkel Player of the Year Award by winning his third title of the year at the GoBowling.com Viper championship by defeating Kim Bolleby of Thailand 237 to 201. Ryan and Jason Belmonte had a conversation before the championship round of the Viper Championship about the Player of the Year Award. Jason told Ryan that with him leading, then winning the U.S. Open; and winning the Viper Championship, Ryan would be in contention for the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year. Ryan felt the same way about Jason. In the two semi-finals, Ryan beat Gary Faulkner, Jr. 245 to 225. Kim Bolleby defeated Jakob Butturff 222 to 181.



Left to Right: Parker Bohn III winner of the Cheetah Championship and Ryan Ciminelli winner of the Viper Championship



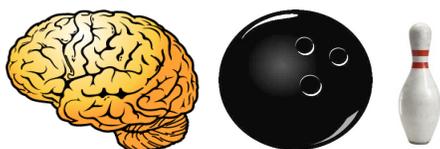
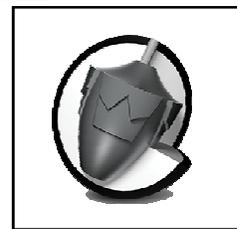
Mastermind Brainiac & Melee Hook



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BOWLOLOGY

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

#10—Greatest Minds in Bowling



At left:
 Ray Edwards,
 Brunswick Director
 Consumer
 Products R & D.

I have covered every aspect of the game. In the following months, I will write about the top 10 greatest minds in bowling. In the 2013 September issue, I did an "In the Pocket" about the greatest minds in bowling. Ray Edwards came in 10th. Ray graciously agreed to answer the following questions:

How long have been designing bowling balls for Brunswick?

I started working with Brunswick in 1989 as a consultant on the Phantom project. My background as a Chemical Engineer coupled with my bowling experience allowed me to "translate" the physics

involved into language that bowlers could understand. This work led into becoming the PBA and LPBT Tour Rep for Brunswick which I did from 1990 through 1998. Since that point, I have been in the office in Muskegon working originally as a Design Engineer and am now the Director of Consumer Products R&D with responsibilities for bowling balls and lane maintenance supplies.

What is the Highlight of your career?

I would say that the highlight had to be when Johnny Petraglia shot 300 at the 1994 PBA National Championship in Toledo. When practice started, the lanes looked ok for the Purple Rhino Pro that he had been using during the week, but as practice continued the lanes got tighter and tighter. Earlier in the week, we had drilled a Forest Green Quantum that hooked a ton. I asked him where that ball was, and he said it was in the paddock that was 30 lanes away. I ran and got the ball and got back just in time for him to have two shots with it before the show started. He moved in five deeper on the first shot and then another two deeper on the second shot and left a half seven. He used the ball for the first game and shot 236 and won. Then, he shot 300 the second game. He ended up not winning the tournament as he needed a strike in the final frame. He made the best shot of the day to leave a solid 9. Much better to leave it there than if it would have been the 12th ball of the previous game.

How did you become involved in the bowling industry?

I bowled junior leagues growing up. The summer after my senior year I attended the Don Johnson Bowling Camp in Issaquah, WA. Working with the staff at the camp and seeing how much the training helped the bowlers got me hooked on learning as much as I could about bowling balls. I bowled for the Purdue team as I was getting my degree and continued to work with the Camps in the summers when I could.

What general advice would you give for bowlers trying to improve their game?

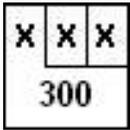
Make sure to find a good pro shop that can fit your hand properly. You can learn everything possible about bowling balls and have balls for lots of different conditions, but if they don't fit your hand you won't be able to throw them effectively, and you won't enjoy the game as much as you should.

Do you still bowl in league?

I bowl one league a week with some friends from town and try to be competitive, but realize that I need a lot more than 3 games a week to be sharp. I also have bowled in 31 of the ABC National Tournaments and would like to bowl in enough of them to get to 50 years of participation.

What is the greatest change that you have seen in bowling ball design over the years?

In my opinion, the thing that has made the biggest difference in bowling ball design is the availability of low cost computers and the development of 3D Solids Modeling programs that can calculate the physical mass properties of the bowling balls. When this technology first became available in the 1990's, we were able to go back and model balls from the past that were successful and learn what was driving the differences in reaction. This allowed us to create balls with varying, controlled dynamic properties to control where on the lane and how much they could hook. Going forward, the continuing development of materials for the coverstocks of the bowling balls is where the biggest changes will come from in the future.



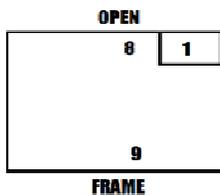
The 7th WSOB Championship

This year's WSOB had a number of things happen such as Gary Faulkner, Jr. becoming the 2nd African-American bowler to win a Major. The first was George Branham III when he won the T.O.C in 1993. Another thing that happened was that no U.S. players made the show for the Chameleon Championship round. In the round of 8, it was between the U.S. Players and the international players. For the Cheetah Championship, there were 3 players that were from the PBA50 Tour—Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke and Ron Mohr. Two of these three were PBA Hall of Famers. The PBA World Series of Bowling has become a stage where the best bowlers can

compete. Thanks to Amleto Monacelli. He paved the way for the international bowlers to compete at the highest level. There was one bowler who made every match play and that was Stuart Williams. However, he could not capitalize as he only made one show and that was the Chameleon Championship. All and all he had a great PBA WSOB. Jason Belmonte did not have a great performance at the WSOB. He just about did not make the cashers round in the RollTech PBA World Championship. This allowed Ryan Ciminelli to be a consideration for the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year. Ryan made the RollTech PBA World Championship, giving Gary Faulkner, Jr. a great match

in the semi-finals. Parker Bohn III had his best WSOB appearance yet with a perfect game in the first round of the Cheetah Championship. He went on to win that championship securing his 35th PBA Title. In the round of 8 at the Scorpion Championship, he outlasted Anthony Simonson in a thrilling match in games 4 and 5. The bowlers were tied at the end of regulation sending it into a rolloff. Bohn won both games giving him multiple championship round appearances in the PBA World Series of Bowling.

Thank You for reading this edition of the bowling newsletter.



Open Frame Column— Ten Pin Staffer-Mark Sullivan

Last month, Mark Sullivan from Ultimate Bowling Products passed the Ten-Pin Staffer exam. He is a national sales rep for them. His expertise will hopefully help bowlers understand the game better in keeping a bowling ball surface well-maintained. He passed with a score of 152.3 out of a possible 150. His biggest accomplishment is winning the **Bowling This Month Tournament** at the USBC Open Championship. He also cashed in this year's US Open.

Regarding the Striking Master Mind Program—it will be more of an IQ Test on the bowlers knowledge of the game. Bowling fans and bowlers will be seeing more about Striking Mastermind in future newsletters.

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