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2016 PBA Hall of Fame & Three Majors Awarded

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. *Messenger* highlights the 2016 Hall of Fame inductees and three retroactive Major titles. The *Spare Column* highlights all three Majors that happen last month. The *Tenth Frame* is a commentary about PBA growing pains. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

Hall of Fame Inductees

Josh Hyde- Editor of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter



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Three people were inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame, Denny Schreiner, Harry O'Neale, and Pete Couture. Denny Schreiner was a voice on the PBA Tour from 1986 to 1995. He also was a player, but did not rise to the level of a Tour star. When he got the chance to be an announcer for the PBA Tour, he jumped for the opportunity, or he is stated "I grabbed the brass ring when I got the PBA job and never let go". His color analyst was three-time TOC champion and PBA Hall of Famer Mike Durbin. Harry O'Neale was the South Regional director for 31 years. He grew the PBA membership to 900 members. "I am very proud of the growth we had in the PBA South Region. O'Neale was a one time PBA tour competitor who still show appreciation for all of the people that he worked and competed with "I had had so many great people around me to make it work and I couldn't done it without them". He had more than forty tournaments a year.

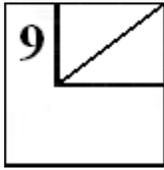
The third member of the PBA Hall of Fame was Pete Couture. If it was not for the PBA50 and formerly known as the PBA Senior Tour, he would not be in the PBA Hall of Fame. He added a pair of USBC Senior Masters Titles and he would be selected as the PBA50 of the Year. Some of the greatest memories came from bowling on the Senior Tour. These are three great people deserving to be in the Hall of Fame.

Three Majors Awarded for Past Wins

On February 15th, the PBA announced that Parker Bohn III, Scott Norton, and Jason Belmonte would retroactively be recognized for their past PBA Players Championship titles they won in 2015, 2013, and 2011, respectively. Bohn has now won 3 Majors—the 2001 USBC Masters (formerly ABC Masters), the 2012 PBA World Championship, and the 2015 PBA Players Championship. "The PBA Players Championship is returning to major status for the first time since it was suspended as a major championship after the 2000 event," PBA Deputy Commissioner Kirk von Krueger stated.

This also means that Scott Norton added his name to the list of Major champions as he won the 2013 Earl Anthony Players Championship. Lastly, Belmonte has won 6 Majors including his 3 Masters and his 2 TOC titles as well the PBA Players Championship.

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FireLake Tournament of Champions

This year's Tournament of Champions made history as the youngest bowler to win the tournament, 2015 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Jesper Svensson defeated Mitch Beasley 225 to 177, becoming the ninth player in his first appearance to take home the title at the TOC. "Winning a major is one of the biggest achievements you can have in bowling, so I'm pretty much out of words" stated Svensson after his win, which was seen by nearly 1 million viewers on ESPN. Two time defending champion Jason Belmonte who was hoping to become the second player to three peat was struck down by Tom Daugherty, in the second game of the stepladder finals. The score was Daugherty's 220 to Belmonte' 169. In the opening match former rookie of the year E.J. Tackett was defeated by Daugherty in a close match 231 to 221. E.J Tackett had the match well in hand but only got a low count on his fill ball. Which gave Daugherty a chance to double in the tenth to win the match and prevail over Tackett. Daugherty missed a couple of 3-10 baby splits but began striking late in the game. In the semi-finals he would take on another former Rookie of the Year in Jesper Svensson. This time had Jesper had his striking shoes on defeating Daugherty 245 to 206.

The scores were quite a bit lower than 2015 as it would only take a score of + 276 by Chris Loschetter to make the first cut. After the first 16 games of qualifying the leader was at +503 by Tom Smallwood. In the casher's round Norm Duke would be the number but he withdrew due to a neck injury. A.J. Johnson would replace Duke. The final number was a score of + 384 by Johnson. After 24 games of qualifying the leader was Jesper Svensson with a score of +772. The first round of match play saw Jesper Svensson maintaining his lead by having a 7-1 record. Pete Weber withdrew after one round of match play due to an hip injury. Jason Sterner would replace Weber due to his injury. Jesper Svensson kept on maintaining his lead however he only won two matches during second round of match play. Mitch Beasley was coming on strong as he only lost three games during the first two rounds of the match play. In the final round of match play Mitch Beasley would take over the lead as he would win seven more games of match play. Jason Belmonte would have his hope of becoming the second player to three peat the tournament by taking the third position. Tom Daugherty would falter a little bit but would stay on the championship round. E.J Tackett would lose one position as well but still would be in the championship round. Anthony Simonsen and Don Barrett would be the only bowlers to throw perfect games in the match play portion of the tournament. The top 5 would consist of two Rookies of the Year and a three-peat Player of the Year, also a former regional Player of the Year. It was a strong top five at this year's Tournament of Champions.

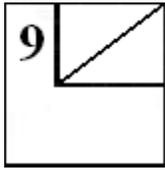


2016 FireLake
Tournament of Champions
Winner– Jesper Svensson

FIRELAKE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS			
16 GAME CUT	Chris Loschetter	+	276
16 GAME LEADER	Tom Smallwood	+	503
24 GAME CUT	Norm Duke	+	387
24 GAME LEADER	Jesper Svensson	+	772
48 GAME CUT	Tom Daugherty	+	1603
48 GAME LEADER	Mitch Beasley	+	1959
300 Games: 4	Dom Barrett		Kyle Troup
	Anthony Simonsen		Jesper Svensson

FIRELAKE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS			
High Game	Jesper Svensson		245
Low Game	Jason Belmonte		169
High Match	Tom Daugherty	E.J. Tackett	231 - 221
Low Match	Tom Daugherty	Jason Belmonte	220 - 169
Average Winning Game	230.25		

				1.	Mitch Beasley	-	177	Jesper Svensson Champion	
			2.	Jesper Svensson	-	245	Jesper Svensson		
			3.	Jason Belmonte	-	169	Tom Daugherty	-	220
4.	E.J. Tackett	-	221						
5.	Tom Daugherty	-	231						



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USBC Masters

Anthony Simonsen became the youngest player to win a Major and the Master. He did it by defeating Dan MacLelland 245-207. He went undefeated in the double elimination bracket to win his first singles title. There were a number of amateurs that made the cut to the match portion, 10 out of 64 positions.

Jason Belmonte led the qualifying of +483. In the first round, Matt Ogle bowled not one, but two 300's to solidify his position as the early leader with a +251. Former Rookie of the Year, EJ Tackett had strong second round averaging 247. Ogle was able to keep his lead, but he only averaged 218. In the final round, Belmonte averaged 251 while Tackett and Ogle struggled. However, they were not in danger of the cut. It took a score of +120 by Missy Parkin to make the cut double elimination brackets. It took a score of +64 by Jeremy Hunt to cash.

In the first round of match play, three time champion Jason Belmonte took on Missy Parkin. Belmonte defeated her 613-507. Also in the first round, Matt Ogle defeated Dan Bock 604-526. Anthony Simonsen defeated Adam Johnson 714-601. Nick Kruml and Martin Larsen had a close match, but Nick triumphed in the end 702-686. Shawn Maldonado defeated Dick Allen in a one ball roll-off after tying 633-633. Shawn had a strike and Allen could not match it. Kyle Troup had the highest match score at 765.

Anthony Simonsen had a close match against Bill O'Neil, 612-605, but then got back to the pocket and scored 699, 665, 664, 683 in next four matches. Martin Larsen had a bad break and found himself in the loser's bracket very early. He found a way to win matched and over next matches he able to get into the final four of the loser's bracket. Wes Malott qualified poorly at 41st but was able to survive in the winners bracket. In the third match on Friday, he hurt his knee and only managed a 556 but that was just enough to beat Alex. The next day, Wes and Belmonte had a striking fest. Their scores were 758-725 with Wes prevailing and knocking Belmonte into the loser's bracket. Dan MacLelland had a strong streak and averaged 231 through his path in the winner's bracket.

In the Championship round, Tom Daugherty was the lowest bowler to survive the 3 of 4 match out of the loser's bracket. He faced Wes Malott in the first match of the step ladder finals. Malott was lined and shot a 258 while Daugherty could only muster a 189. In the second match, Malott faced Chris Loschetter and once again had his striking shoes on. He won with another 258 to Loschetter's 201. In the semi-finals Wes and Dan MacLelland had a close match. This time MacLelland come through ahead of Wes, 216-213. The championship match saw a rematch of the winner's bracket with the same result.

There were a total of 13, 300 games during the course of the tournament. Ten amateurs made it through qualifying and into the brackets.

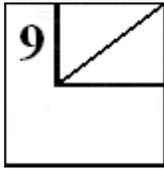


2016– USBC Masters Winner Anthony Simonsen

USBC MASTERS		
15 GAME CASH	Jeremy Hunt	+ 64
15 GAME CUT	Missy Parkin	+ 120
15 GAME LEADER	Jason Belmonte	+ 483
Match Play Survivor	Tom Daugherty	
Undefeated in Match Play	Anthony Simonsen	
300 Games:13	Matt Ogle- 2	Dan Bock
Osku Palermmaa/ Jason Belmonte	Perry Crowell IV	Jason Sterner/David Simard
Bill O'Neil	George Gohagan III	Brian LeCair/Cotie Holbek

USBC MASTERS			
High Game	Wes Malott		258
Low Game	Tom Daugherty		189
High Match	Wes Malott	Chris Loschetter	258 - 201
Low Match	Wes Malott	Tom Daugherty	258 - 189
Average Winning Game	244.25		

				1.	Anthony Simonsen	- 245	Anthony Simonsen Champion
					Dan MacLelland	- 207	
			2.	Dan MacLelland	- 216		
					Wes Malott	- 213	
		3.	Chris Loschetter	- 201			
4.	Wes Malott	- 258		Wes Malott	- 258		
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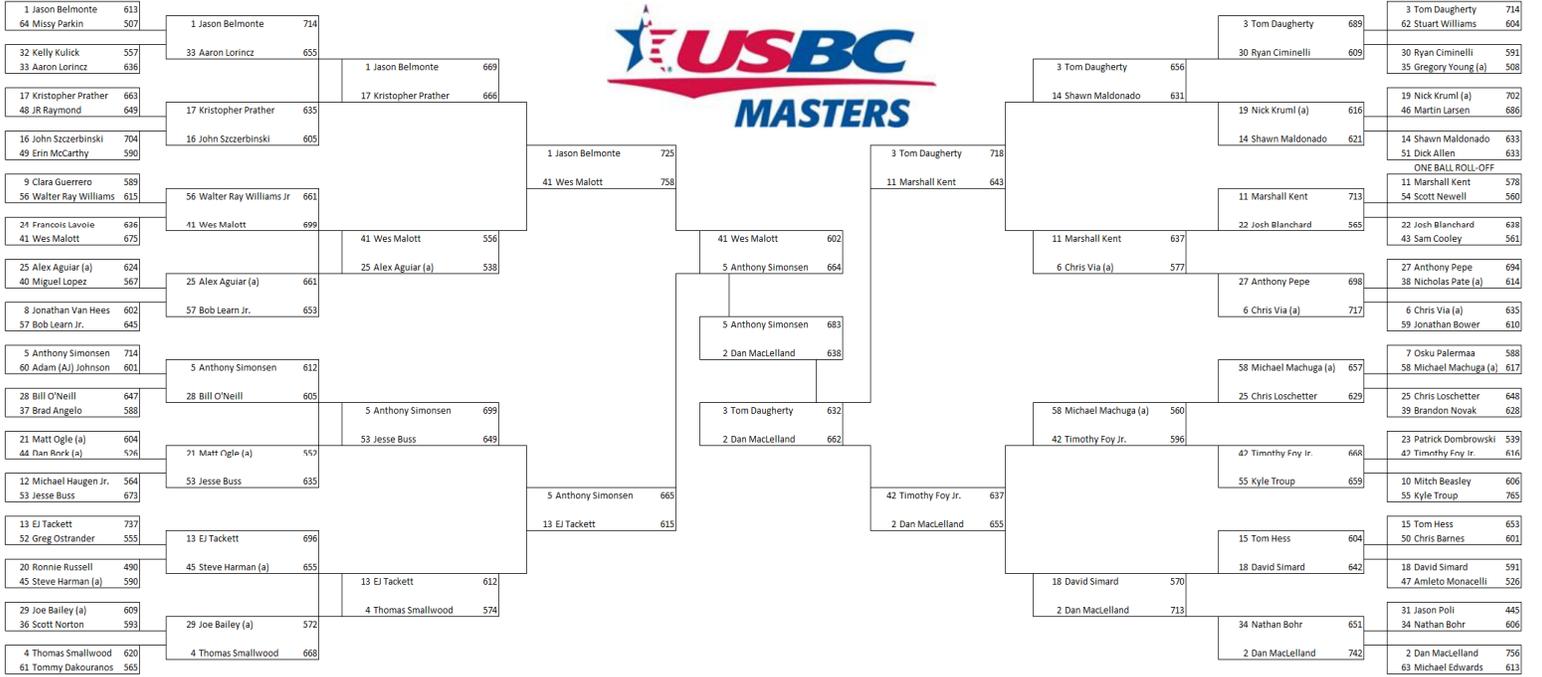


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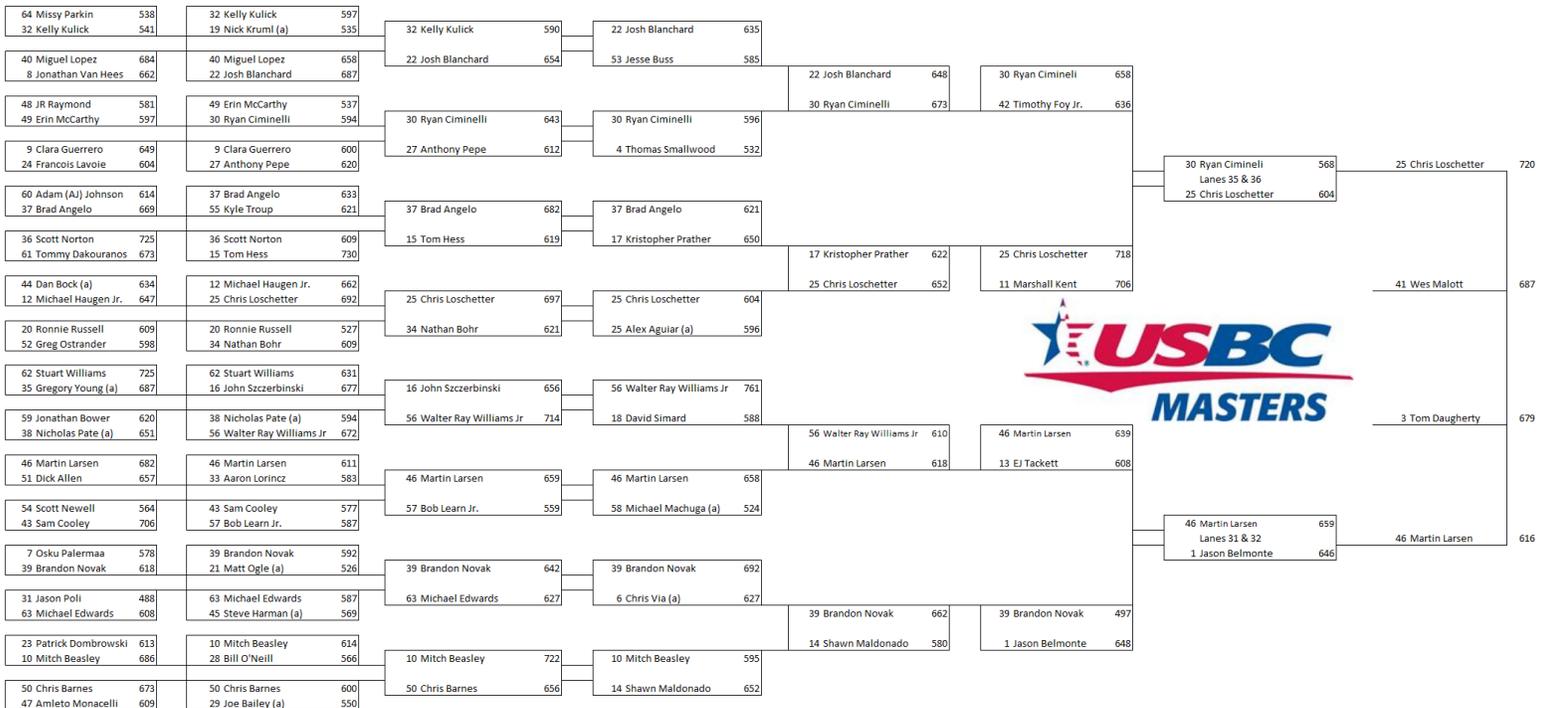
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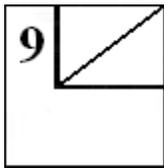
USBC Masters—Brackets

Winners Bracket



Losers Bracket





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Barbasol PBA Players Championship

This year's Barbasol PBA Players Championship saw another first time major title winner Graham Fach defeat 2015 U.S. Open Champion Ryan Ciminelli 279 to 244. He also became the first Canadian to win a PBA Tour Title, also making the Top Five was PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke. Duke was looking to join Mike Aulby as only bowler to complete the Super Slam by winning the tournament. However he was defeated in the first match by Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Jesper Svensson 274– 258. Svensson struggled to muster up a 206 game against Australia's Sam Cooley who was striking at a 246. In the semi-finals featured a newcomer to the PBA Tour in Graham Fach. Graham's first appearance showed little to no nerves on the PBA Tour to defeat Sam Cooley 247 to 244 in a close match. Graham's reaction to his win was the following 'It's a great feeling to win against players of this caliber'.

In the preliminary rounds of the tournament there were a number of 300's bowled. A few bowlers bowled more than one 300 in the tournament. Ryan Cinemmelli bowled two 300's one of which was the position round game of match play. This would vault him into the lead going into the championship round. He was looking for his second major title of his career. Sam Cooley would also bowl two 300's in the tournament. Graham Fach was near the top throughout the course of the tournament . PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber was looking for his second PBA player's championship. However he had to withdraw before match play because of an injury. He was looking to surpass Earl Anthony with a total of eleven majors if he would win this tournament. Tom Smallwood would take his place in match play. It would take a score of + 434 by Anthony Simonsen and Jack Jurek to make the first cut. Graham Fach would be the 16 game leader with a score of +774. In the casher's round Ronnie Sparks Jr would be the number to make round robin match play with a score of 706. While Fach was still maintaining his lead of +1,043. Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III, and Walter Ray Williams Jr would be the three PBA Hall of Famers that would make match play. Norm Duke end up being the number to make the live championship round finals on ESPN. Norm also had an earlier perfect game in the Barbosol Players Championship. The tournament was a high scoring affair as there were a total of eleven perfect games in the tournament. It was also held at a PBA Hall of Famers bowling center Wayne Webb.

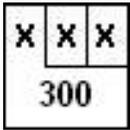


2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship Winner—Graham Fach

BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP			
16 GAME CUT	A. Simonsen, J. Jurek	+	434
16 GAME LEADER	Graham Fach	+	774
24 GAME CUT	Ronnie Sparks Jr.	+	706
24 GAME LEADER	Graham Fach	+	1043
48 GAME CUT	Norm Duke	+	2034
48 GAME LEADER	Ryan Ciminelli	+	2448
300 Games:	Anthony Pepe-2		Stuart Williams
D.J. Archer	Sam Cooley-2		Andres Gomez
Tom Hess	David Haynes		Kyle Troup-2
Norm Duke	Ryan Ciminelli-2		

BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP			
High Game	Jesper Svensson		206
Low Game	Graham Fach		279
High Match	Jesper Svensson	Norm Duke	274 - 258
Low Match	Sam Cooley	Jesper Svensson	246 - 206
Average Winning Game			261.5

					1.	Ryan Ciminelli	-	244		Graham Fach
					2.	Graham Fach	-	247		Graham Fach
						Graham Fach	-	279		Champion
					3.	Sam Cooley	-	246		
						Sam Cooley	-	244		
4.	Jesper Svensson	-	274			Jesper Svensson	-	206		
5.	Norm Duke	-	258							



PBA's Growing Pains

Last month, there were three Majors and they were on live television. Jesper Svensson became the youngest person to win the Tournament of Champions a week later. A week later, Anthony Simonson would become the youngest player to win a Major title—USBC Masters. Graham Fach would win the PBA Players championship. There were first time majors winners, one of which was a first time titlist. It was a great way to start off the 2016 PBA Tour season. What bowling fans saw last month was like the old school PBA Tour. It was great to see bowlers traveling from city to city to compete for PBA Titles.

Yes, Xtra Frame bowling fans can see the preliminary rounds of a tournament; however, a bowling center is not going to shut down

their league play or open play for a week to accommodate the PBA Tour. The bowling center is not compensated for any lineage from the PBA membership.

Regionals are becoming more of the PBA Tour than a PBA National event. Yes, they have Xtra Frame events, but those tournaments are more of a regional format. This causes the PBA membership to supplement their bowling with an 8-to -5 job during the week, even though the top prize at these tournaments is ten grand.

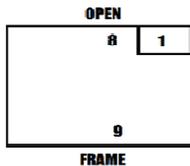
Making the cut on Sunday does not necessarily guarantee a \$1,000 payout. Bowling fans are not likely to see Jason Belmonte here. It just doesn't make financial sense for him to schedule this kind of event.

The PBA League is the next schedule stop for the PBA Players. After the tap-

ing of the Elias Cup Finals, the PBA will have Xtra Frame Tournament with a match play style format with the Bowlers having to win two games to advance to the next round. The PBA Players will have chances to hone their skills at the Regional level. There are fewer regular Tour events for the PBA Tour bowlers to regularly test their skills against each other.

The new PBA is blurring the lines that define a Tour bowler, a Regional bowler, and a PBA member. This is changing event structure, schedules, and even bowler roster. Bowling fans do not know what the future holds for the PBA, neither does the PBA membership.

Thanks for reading this month's edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.



Open Frame Column:
2015 IBMA Writing Awards

For those of you that have read my newsletter over the past year. I would like you to email me at josh@joshhydeb bowling.com or joshhydeb bowling@gmail.com with your choices as to what you feel are the best articles or features from my newsletter from January 2015 to December 2015. I intend to submit some of these choices for the 2015 IBMA Writing Awards Contest in the following categories Editorial, Features, and Newsletter. I will be hopefully adding to my twelve writing awards in the upcoming 2016 IBMA Writing competition with your input, which will be greatly appreciated by the March 15th. Thank you again for all your support of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

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