



Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** discusses the Strikers winning the Elias Cup. **The Kingpin Column** looks at a couple PBA Tournaments that are just right around the corner. **The Spare Column** discusses how 2017 PBA Hall of Fame inductee Bryan Goebel won his first PBA50 title. **The Tenth Frame** is a an editorial on year ten of the newsletter. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

Messenger

Elias Cup

Duke Wins MVP and Strikers Successfully Defend

In the 2017 PBA League Elias Cup finals, the league had an eight game Baker qualifying to determine the bracket seeding. The New York City WTT KingPins (McEwan, Cooley, Szczerbinski, Weber, Kent), led the qualifying with a score of +325, averaging 240.63 in the first round. However, they would lose their first match against the Philadelphia Hitmen (Russell, Wodka, Loschetter, Barrett, Smallwood) after tying the match 1-1. In the roll-off, both teams started off with a strike, but the WTT KingPins only had 9 in the second roll-off. This gave the Hitman a chance which they took with a strike. Hitman advanced to the Semi-finals against winners of the next game



2016 Elias Cup winners Shipyard Dallas Strikers (O'Neill, Duke, Moore, Page, Jones) were in the second match against Lee Auto Malls L.A. X (Larsen, Butturff, Palermaa, Williams, Belmonte). L.A. X was almost perfect in the second game. On the final ball, they left the 10-pin giving them a 299 score and tied up the match 1-1. In the roll-off, Belmonte of L.A. X left the 4-pin and the Strikers had a chance to take the match with a strike. Team manager, Norm Duke, was the first up for the Strikers and he took the win for the team.

The third match featured Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Barnes, Maldonado, Archer, Daugherty, Svensson) against the MaineQuarterly.com Brooklyn Styles (Williams Jr., Sterner, Van Hees, Rash, Bohn III). The two-time Elias Cup winners Atom Splitters won the first game with six strikes and a final 235-222. In the second game, Bohn III finished the tenth with a strike/nine-spares. Svensson only need to strike in order to win the match 2-0. He left the 7-pin, spared, and then left the 9-pin. This allowed the Styles win the game 217-216 and forced the match to a roll-off. These two bowlers faced each in the roll-off, but Svensson won with a strike while Bohn III left the 7-pin giving the Atom Splitters the match.

The fourth match featured the hometown L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks (Johnson, Troup, Smith, Ciminelli, Malott) versus the Barbasol Motown Muscle (Lavoie, Blanchard, Allen, Tackett, Simonsen) in the final quarter final. In the first game, the Lumberjacks had a come from behind victory with a 227-

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206. The second game was the opposite. The Lumberjacks started strong with five strikes, but they ran into transition problems leaving a split and could not get back to striking. However, Motown Muscle was able to put a 5-bagger of their own and able to win 248-225. Again, there was a roll-off to determine the winner. Malott got a strike for his team which put the pressure on Simonsen. He was unable to strike and extend the match.

In the semi-finals, it was the Hitman who had an easy match against the Strikers by winning both games, 239-196 and 201-165. Manager Duke made a wise decision to start the match on the right lane and had a 5-bagger in the first game. The Hitman ran into trouble in the second game as the lane beginning to change. They were unable to get lined up. This was the only match that was swept during the Elias Cup.

The second semi-final had the Atom Splitters versus the Lumberjacks. The Atom Splitters won a close first game 221-217. In the second match, it was low scoring as the lanes were transitioning. The Lumberjacks were behind in the tenth frame but came out on top after the Atom Splitters left a 3-7 split which Svensson almost picked-up. The Lumberjacks took the game 185-182 and tied the match 1-1. The roll-off went to two frames with Daugherty

and Malott both striking on the first ball. On the second ball, Svensson came up light in the pocket as he left the 3-pin. Ciminelli got up and struck to give the Lumberjacks a place in the final.

In the Elias Cup finals, there were four matches with Singles, Alternate Ball Doubles, Trios, and Baker Team. The first three games were worth 1 point each and the last game was worth 3 points.

Duke (Strikers) and Ciminelli (Lumberjacks) faced off in the Singles with Duke winning 269-247. In the Doubles, it was Malott/Troup for the Lumberjacks against Duke/Page for the Strikers. The match went to the Lumberjacks 238-209 to even the match score 1-1. In the Trios, Jones/O'Neill/Moore III faced Malott/Smith/Johnson. The Strikers won this game 234-227 over the Lumberjacks. In the determining final team game, Manager Duke had two strikes on which his teammate capitalized, and the Strikers successfully defended their Elias Cup title. Duke was named the Mark Roth MVP for the Elias Cup. The last four Elias Cup winners have been either the Atom Splitters or the Dallas Strikers. All of the Elias Cup winners have had Tommy Jones on the team.

2 Great Minds of Bowling—Bill Taylor



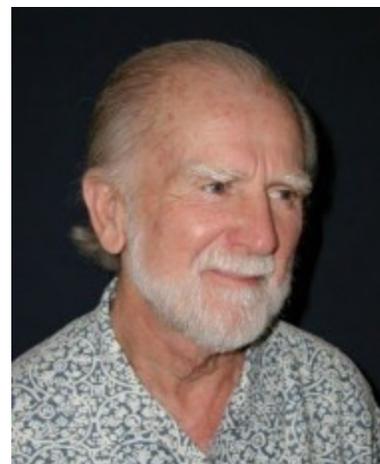
BOWLOLOGY

Drilling a Bowling Ball; Balance (a study on the influences of imbalance and gyroscopic inertia upon the performances of bowling balls in rotational motion); **What Really Happened to Don Carter**; and **Target Lines: An Alignment System for Better Bowlers**. Along with writing his books, he has conducted thousands of seminars and clinics on the game and the physics of bowling. He was one of the first people to try to educate bowlers about the physics of bowling. Bill coached Steve Nagy, Glenn Allison, Dick Hoover, Harry Smith, Nelson Burton Jr., Mike Durbin, Dave Davis, Dick Weber, David Ozio, and Brian Voss.

At the 1958 BPAA All-Star, currently known as the US Open, he noticed that the pins were reacting differently than usual. He stole one of the pins and cut it in half to study what was causing the difference. He found a second hole under the

center of gravity. He discovered that this was the reason why the conditions were easier and the scores were higher. This really upset Bill and started him on a lifelong quest to make bowling into more of a challenge. He went up against everyone in the bowling industry and made it his purpose to bring the integrity back into the sport.

He had lots of different ideas on how to reintroduce the challenge in bowling. Some of these include uniform equipment for all bowlers, smaller sized bowling balls, shorter pins, and shorter narrower lanes. Bill was constantly testing different rules and regulations to make bowling challenging.





Oklahoma Open & PBA WSOB

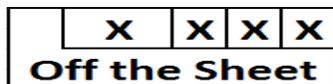
Last month, the PBA announced the tournament format for the Oklahoma Open. It features a nine stepladder final with two days of live ESPN coverage in early July. With nine bowlers advancing to the championship round, all bowlers will bowl eight games on the Wolf, Bear, and Badger patterns. Then, the field will be cut to the top 32 bowlers for another eight games of qualifying. After the players bowl 32 games, the field will be cut to the top nine for a two day live final on ESPN. The winner of the event will receive \$30,000. On the live televised feature, day one will feature 8 vs. 9. The win-

ner will bowl the 7th seed. Then, the winner of that match will bowl the 6th seed. That winner will come back the next day and bowl the 5th seed and so forth until a winner is determined. On Day 2, fans can watch the previous day's matches on ESPN2 at 11:00am. Then at 1:00pm, the live show will feature the rest of the stepladder finals with the winner being crowned the champion of the Oklahoma Open. They will receive a PBA Tour title along with being crowned champion of the Oklahoma Open.

bowl ten games on the Cheetah, Shark, Chameleon, and Scorpion patterns. The ninth edition of the PBA World Series of Bowling will feature the top regional point earners and top PBA50 & WPBA point earners of their respective regions with all of those players bowling eight games of round robin match play. The top two will advance to try to win for bragging rights to being the top player of their respected PBA division.

Upcoming PBA WSOB

The ninth World Series of Bowling will take place November 7th through the 19th at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada for the third consecutive year. All bowlers will



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Last month Bowler's Journal Editor Bob Johnson wrote about the past Player of the Year Awards for the PBA. Walter Ray Williams Jr, Earl Anthony, Mark Roth, Jason Belmonte are some of the greatest players in PBA history. He also discussed the debate about what defines a great PBA player. Should they be defined by Major titles, total career titles, most titles in a season or year, or Player of the Year honor. From 1974 to 1984 it was either Mark Roth or Earl Anthony as the Player of

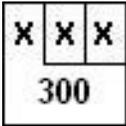
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the Year with the exception of 1980 Wayne Webb was the PBA Player of the Year. Both Anthony and Roth were setting a standard to be a great bowler on the PBA Tour. Roth did a miracle in 78 when he won eight titles in one season. However he did not win single major. In his last player of the year, he won both of his majors at the U.S. Open and the touring players championship formerly the PBA Players championship. Then from 85 to 95 it was nine players received the honor of Player of the Year and PBA Fans were seeing the Player of the Year win majors out of those years.

In 1993 when Walter Ray was giving Roth's record a threat by winning seven titles in a single year. In the 1990's Walter Ray was definitely setting a whole new standard by winning four Player of the year honors. Three of which were consecutive. Jason Belmonte was the latest edition of the doing just that. In 2012-2013, 2014, 2015, in that period of time he won two TOC's and three Masters. He won five of those majors in those years that he was Player of the Year.



Walter Ray Williams Jr., Mark Roth, Earl Anthony, and Jason Belmonte were the only players to win three consecutive Chris Schneckel Player of the Year Honors.



Tenth Frame—Editorial

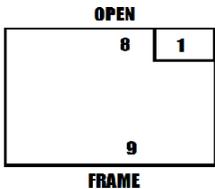
Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter Approaching our Ten Year Anniver-

The *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter* is coming up on its tenth year. In the past nine years, I have reported on mainly the subject of the PBA Tour. Growing up as a kid and becoming a PBA fan at a young age, I became acquainted with bowling magazines from the *Bowling Digest* to *Bowler's Journal*. There was actually a newspaper called the *Bowling News* in the 1990's. Every time that I would go to a bowling tournament that my Dad entered, I could count on getting a *Bowling News* newspaper. Additionally, there was a newspaper titled *Bowling Today*. It was based out of Fort Wayne. Typically these newspapers would be at the league standing section and/or the counter at the bowling center.

Now that I have completed year nine of my bowling newsletter, bowling fans across the country are anticipating when the next *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter* is coming out. In the next season of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*, bowling fans will get to hear the whole story behind *Josh Hyde's*

Bowling Newsletter. One of the benefits from doing this publication, besides informing the fans of the sport of bowling, is receiving the media credentials from the PBA. Being a bowling writer has really been a dream of mine since early age. When Harry Wolfe came up to me and asked me to write a story about the tournament I had attended, I knew I had made it as a bowling writer. There will be stories in next season's issues how the newsletter grew from one page to six pages.

There have been countless opportunities that have opened doors for me in the bowling industry. It has been my privilege to be a member of the bowling media industry and to make a small, but hopefully important, contribution to the sport of bowling. I look forward to another ten years of providing bowling fans and bowlers vital news and analysis.



IBMA Honorable Mention

In April at the USBC convention, the IBMA hosted a breakfast where they awarded the professional and non-professional bowling writers in the categories in which they won.

I received Honorable Mention in the News Feature Division for writing about Francois Lavoie's win at the U.S. Open. For the last seven years, I have placed at least third or higher in the IBMA writing competition. When I first entered, it was called the Bowling Writers Association of America. Then, the next year, it became the IBMA organization. IBMA stands for International Bowling Media Association. I would like to thank my fellow competitors and, last but not least, the bowlers who have furnished the material for bowling writers to write about. They have enabled writers like me to write about what has happened on the PBA Tour, USBC Nationals, PWBA Tour USBC Team USA, and the bowling industry. Without these bowling organizations, bowling writers would have no place in the bowling industry.



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