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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** discusses the induction of Mark Gerberich. **The Spare Column** talks about Francois Lavoie at the US Open. Releasing the Ball and the #4 Greatest Mind in Bowling are in the **Bowlology Column**. The Tenth Frame Commentary is writing a coaching manual. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.



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Messenger

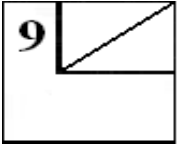
PBA Past Commissioner Elected to the Hall of Fame

On November 23, the PBA announced one of its inductee for the Class of 2017 for meritorious service, former PBA Commissioner Mark Gerberich. He was the commissioner of the PBA from 1996 to 2000. He started with the PBA in 1983 and began working in membership services. He is a graduate of St. John's University. He currently works in the sporting good industry in Ohio.

There were some significant moments during his tenure. In 1995 at the Joe Louis Arena, there were more than 7,200 fans watching the largest live-audience tournament at the US Open where Dave Husted would win his second of three US Open Titles. In 1999, Mark brought the championship round finals of the Brunswick Long Island Open to New York City's Bryant Park for the first outdoor finals. A year later he negotiated the sale of the PBA to three former Microsoft officers, Mike Slade, Rob Glaser, and Chris Peters. As Mark stated, this sale was necessary because "At that point the PBA was a shell of its former self. History is great because in hindsight, you can always say what went wrong. But the reality is, in 1991 the PBA got \$200,000 per show (in rights' fee revenue from ABC-TV), and in 1992, we got \$50,000 a show. With 16 shows, we were short \$2.4 million in revenue. Then you try to survive, which we did for about 10 years."

The PBA Hall of Fame ceremony will be on February 18 at Grand Casino Hotel & Resort in Shawnee, Oklahoma during the Tournament of Champions. The PBA will also award the PBA Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year honor during the ceremony. He is the 32nd person awarded this honor for meritorious service.

Have a Merry Christmas



Spare Column

The Spare Column is a column about the PBA Regional's and other miscellaneous information about the PBA.

Lavoie Perfect to Win His First Title at the 2016 U.S Open

Francois Lavoie made PBA History as he became the second Canadian to win a major title at the 2016 U.S. Open. He did so by defeating Marshall Kent 228 to 194. Francois also made history by shooting the first 300 in the championship round at the U.S. Open against Sean Maldonado. Marshall Kent started off slow as he was in 92nd place in the first round. He stated that he had tried to win it on the very first day of qualifying. By the end of the casher's round, he went from nowhere to being the Tournament Leader. Martin Larsen was the qualifying leader for the first 24 games to with a score of +617. It took a score of +231 by Chris Via to advance to the Casher's Round. Other names



2016 U.S Open Winner-Francois Lavoie

that made the cut were Jason Belmonte, three time reigning Player of the Year; Walter Ray Williams Jr.; and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke. Five time U.S. Open Champion Pete Weber could not bowl due to an injury.

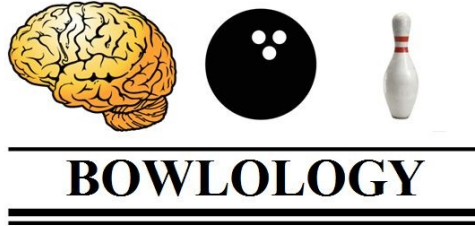
In the Casher's Round, it would take a score of +486 by former Rookie of the Year Brad Angelo. Missing out was 2013 U.S. Open Champion Wes Malott. Kent would start dominating the tournament in the cashier's round when he would shoot a score of +334 for his final round of qualifying. Marshall just kept on striking as he would only lose four games in the 24 game Round Robin. Francois and Andres Gomez would have the only perfect games through qualifying. However, that would change as Angelo and Simonsen would add to the total for the perfect games in the 2016 U.S Open. Francois become the only player to shoot a perfect game in the championship round. This propelled him for consideration for the 2016 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year candidate. He joins a select few of bowlers whose first win was the U.S. Open title. He was an All-American at Wichita State in 2012. Pepsi gave him a \$10,000.00 bonus for shooting a 300 in the Championship Round.

2016 U.S. OPEN			
24 GAME CUT	Chris Via	+	231
24 GAME LEADER	Martin Larsen	+	617
32 GAME CUT	Brad Angelo	+	486
32 GAME LEADER	Marshall Kent	+	893
56 GAME CUT	John Szerbinski	+	1677
56 GAME LEADER	Marshall Kent	+	2267
300 Games: 5	Francois Lavoie ***(2)	Brad Angelo	Andres Gomez
		Anthony Simonsen	

2016 U.S. OPEN CRA Stats			
High Game	Francis Levoie		300
Low Game	John Szerbinski		188
High Match	Francis Levoie	Shawn Maldonado	300 - 211
Low Match	Shawn Maldonado	John Szerbinski	190 - 188
Average Winning Game	239		

				1.	Marshall Kent	- 194	Francois Lavoie
			2.	Francois Lavoie	- 300	Francois Lavoie	Champion
		3.	Anthony Simonsen	- 217	Shawn Maldonado	- 211	
4.	Shawn Maldonado	- 190	Shawn Maldonado	- 238			
5.	John Szerbinski	- 188					

*** Francois Lavoie became the first bowler to shoot a perfect game in the championship round of the U.S. Open



Releasing the Ball

In the delivery, the bowler releases the ball so that it travels down the lane rotating in a clockwise manner for left-handed bowlers, in a counterclockwise manner for right-handed bowlers. This will create the correct motion for the release resulting in maximizing pin carry and higher scores. The thumb exits out of the ball first with the fingers following. The bowler will feel like he/she is shaking hands with the second arrow. Conversely, if the bowler over rotates on his/her release, called topping the ball, the ball will react in a spinning motion away from the pocket.



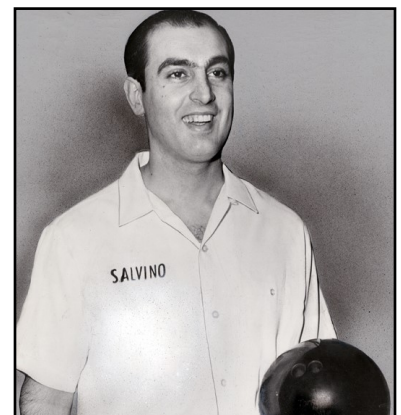
The bowlers wrist position—cupped vs. straight—affects how the ball reacts on the lane. In a cupped position, the wrist will unload at the point of the bowler's release, creating more revolutions causing the ball to hook more. When the wrist is in a straight position, the ball remains neutral as it is migrating toward the pins.

The three main elements of an accurate bowling ball release are speed, rotation and control.

4 Great Minds of Bowling—Carmen Sal-



Carmen Salvino was one of the charter members of the PBA. He became one of the first recipients of the PBA Hall of Fame. In his interview, he says that bowling has changed over the course of the years. He has designed a number of bowling balls in his career. Salvino has won seventeen PBA titles along with a 1962 PBA World championship. He was the original showman for bowling. Carmen held numerous positions with PBA management such as Second and Third VP, as well as Regional Director, Tournament Committee and Executive Board. He continually strived to improve the sport of bowling. His thoughts are of a new cover for the ball. He thinks that someone of the younger generation will be studying the physics and the sport of bowling. His greatest achievement was longevity in the sport. When I interviewed him, he did not want to “flaunt his accomplishments”. He has designed a number of balls for Brunswick and even had his own bowling ball company. He has a great deal of knowledge that is benefiting the sport of bowling. Pro-bowlers do not win 17 PBA Tour Titles without having a little bit of knowledge about the sport of bowling. Salvino was ranked 17th out of the top 50 greatest PBA Players in 2009. Carmen Salvino was a great player on the PBA Tour.



X	X	X
300		

Tenth Frame— Commentary

Writing a Bowling Coaching Manual & Term Paper

In October of this year, I made the decision to write a bowling coaching manual and term paper for bowlers and coaches.

Back in January 2015, I had passed the exam for the USBC Bronze Coaching Certification. This instruction manual provides the reader with information about the sport of bowling through Josh Hyde Bowling programs: Bowlology, Ten Pin Staffers, and StrikingMastermind. It covers all aspects of the sport of bowling. Additionally, it serves as an alternative for bowling coaches who are unable to go through the USBC Coaching Program. Back in November, 2011, JHB Newsletter was started to help bowlers understand the game in a simple way by breaking down the more complicated aspects of bowling. The learning column—Bowlology—was developed through such articles as: The Perfect Strike, Timing, Keeping Score, Making Spares, and Bowling Ball Dynamics. In my association with pro bowlers, I have gained a great deal of insight that is continually shared with others.

This term paper is a collection of that training material.

I asked Dennis Bergendorf (Senior Writer for Bowlers Journal International) to grade my term paper. Using 300 as the top score (indicating a perfect game in bowling), I scored a 296—just shy of a perfect game!

Frequently in the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter, there has been close correlation between the sports of golf and bowling. In grading my term paper, Dennis commented that he found the parallel between the sports “clever”.

Dennis also liked the breakdown of the ball motion phases: skid, hook and roll.

Back in the late summer, I also decided to include in the bowling coaching manual spare charts from single pin spares to makeable splits. As Dennis reviewed my term paper, he mentioned that many bowlers do not understand the importance of hitting the same mark on the lane whether it is a spare or a strike. In reference to one of the spare charts, Dennis said, “You have cataloged every split known to man! Good work.”

Another honorable mention was the handshake delivery reference when releasing the bowling ball. Dennis stated, “I like the idea of going straight at spares, especially multiple-pin spares like the 3-6-9-10. (It is easy to be fooled into thinking that a hook works on some spares, but that may get a bowler in trouble.)”

It was thoroughly an honor to do this coaching manual and term paper for bowlers and coaches. Josh Hyde Bowling is in the process of making a decision on putting the manual and term paper on joshhydeb bowling.com. I wanted to do this to share my bowling knowledge with others.



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