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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. **Messenger** discusses Duke's PBA50 World Championship title. This month's **Spare Column** covers Williams, Jr., Kretzer, Bohn as they win the Animal Pattern Championships. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary about the two greatest players in the PBA chasing 100 titles. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.



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Messenger

Duke Wins the PBA50 World Championship

Norm Duke stopped Pete Weber from joining Walter Ray Williams, Jr. in having 99 titles by defeating him 234-215. Duke won his fifth PBA50 title. He joined Earl Anthony as winning both the PBA World/National Championships on both tours. There were a total of 4 USBC Hall of Famers along with 3 PBA Hall of Famers competing in the step ladder finals. The first match featured the 2016 USBC Hall of Famer Harry Sullins going up against one-time PBA Tour titlist Brian Kretzer. All Brian had to do in the 10th frame was mark. However, he got a split which resulted in Sullins winning with a score of 201-193. Sullins had a second chance at defending his PBA50 World Championship title. However, in the second step ladder game, he ran into 2015 PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber. Sullins found it difficult to strike. Weber did, defeating Sullins 234-186. The semifinal game featured 2 PBA Hall of Famers in Parker Bohn III and Pete Weber. Both players started off striking, but Bohn got a split in the middle of the game and could never recover. Weber was continually striking on his way to defeating Bohn 264-214. This set up the championship match: Weber vs. Duke, another battle between two PBA greats.

Championship Round Stats:

High Game:	264 (Pete Weber)
Low Game:	186 (Harry Sullins)
High Match:	264-214 (Weber/Bohn)
Low Match:	201-193 (Sullins/Kretzer)
Average Winning Game:	233.25

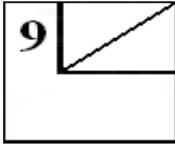


At right: Norm Duke, PBA50 Treasure Island Resort and Casino World Championship winner

PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP presented by Storm

			3.	Pete Weber	-	234		1.	Norm Duke	-	234
				Harry Sullins	-	186			Pete Weber	-	215
4.	Harry Sullins	-	201								
5.	Brian Kretzer	-	193								

Norm Duke Champion



Spare Column

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

Williams, Kretzer, and Bohn Win the Animal Pattern Championship PBA50 Regional Title

PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams, Jr. made bowling history as he won his 99th combined PBA title out of all four types of PBA Tours by defeating Ron Mohr 268 to 258 in the PBA50 Viper Championship. This title was his tenth PBA50 regional title. During the second match of the PBA50 Viper Championship, Walter Ray defeated Pete Weber in a high scoring affair 278 to 255. Both players were looking for their 99th career title. According to the PBA press release, Walter stated “ I never expected anything like this when my career started ”. He is the first player to have ten titles on all levels of the PBA.

In the other PBA50 Animal Pattern Championships, Brian Kretzer and Parker Bohn III won their respective Chameleon & Scorpion championships. Kretzer defeated Andrew Fawley in the Chameleon Championship 244 to 199 to claim his second PBA50 Regional Title. In the Chameleon championship, there were no PBA Hall of Famers in the stepladder finals. The top five consisted of Rick Schissler, Bo Gergen, and Ron Nelson, Jr. who was the qualifying leader for the PBA50 World Championship.

In the Scorpion Championship, Weber had a chance to tie Walter Ray at 99 combined PBA career titles. Paul McCordic would face three PBA Hall of Famers in the Scorpion Championship and one of the best non-PBA members, Ron Nelson, Jr., who has finished in the top 24 at the U.S Open. McCordic first defeated Amelto Monacelli by only 5 pins 194 to 189. Monacelli struggled in the early stages of the game by missing a couple of makeable spares. Next, Paul McCordic dashed Pete Weber’s hopes as he defeated him 258 to 182 in the second stepladder match. McCordic would go on to win in the semi-finals against Ron Nelson, Jr. by 5 pins with a score of 232 to 227. In the championship match, Paul McCordic went up against other PBA Hall of Famer in Parker Bohn III. It was a close match all the way up until the closing frames as both players started out strong. McCordic split one too many times failing to claim his PBA50 Regional Title. The final score was 213 to 191. Bohn got the best kind of mark in the tenth—a strike—to claim the title.

PBA50 Viper

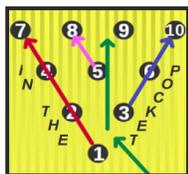
				1. Ron Mohr - 258		Walter Ray Williams Champion
				Walter Ray Williams - 268		
		2. Mike Scroggins - 195		Walter Ray Williams - 237		
3. Walter Ray Williams - 278		Pete Weber - 255				
4. Pete Weber - 221						
5. Tom Carter - 198						

PBA50 Chameleon

				1. Brian Kretzer - 244		Brian Kretzer Champion
				Andrew Fawley - 199		
		2. Andrew Fawley - 237		Rickey Schissler - 223		
3. Ron Nelson Jr - 216		Rickey Schissler - 223				
4. Rickey Schissler - 223						
5. Bo Goergen - 216						

PBA50 Scorpion

				1. Parker Bohn III - 213		Parker Bohn III Champion
				Paul McCordic - 191		
		2. Ron Nelson Jr - 227		Paul McCordic - 232		
3. Pete Weber - 182		Paul McCordic - 258				
4. Paul McCordic - 194						
5. Amleto Monacelli - 189						



In the Pocket

Josh Hyde's Bowling Memorabilia Collection

12.

My PBA Tour credentials—PBA Tour season tickets, tournament media lanyards, etc.

11.

2000 Brunswick Tournament of Champions poster autographed by Jason Couch.

10.

2015 Tournament of Champions Pro-Am sign autographed by 4 of the 5 top finalists.

9.

Bowling Pin that Jason Belmonte knocked over to win his third consecutive Masters and his second consecutive TOC Title

8.

U.S Open Lumber Liquidators Scoreboard Sign from the 67th Annual U.S Open signed by Bill O'Neill.

7.

A poster showing he first four PBA bowlers that completed the Triple Crown.

6.

Gold Bowling Pin from the first televised show when gold pins were first introduced.

5.

Sign from the 2002 PBA World Championship signed by all of the finalists.

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Framed tickets from the 1999 Bayer/Brunswick Touring Players Championship.

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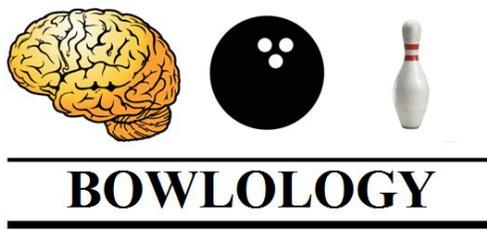
Photo of Danny Wiseman, Doug Kent, and I taken the night that Danny and Doug were inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame (2013).

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PBA Regional Trophy from Parker Bohn III.

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2016 USBC Masters winners bracket board.



5 Great Minds of Bowling— John Jowdy

John Jowdy worked for Columbia 300 for over 20 years starting back in 1962. During those two decades “ he instructed and trained some of the top performers on the PBA Tour” according the Bowl.com. His knowledge of the game He knew yesterday’s game. Bowlers might fear that, but getting to the line frame-in and frame-out is a good starting point. Having a good starting position can effect a bowler in a positive way. Even though bowling equipment is now high tech, Jowdy was still a great teacher of the game.



Above: John Jowdy, Member of the USBC and PBA Hall of Fame

Adjusting hand positions, ball speed, moving left-to-right on the approach are all key elements of how to attack the lane and score. He wrote about hand positions noting that Earl Anthony mastered that skill as well as ball speed. Jowdy also mentioned that Mike Aulby used proper hand position despite not having an overpowering strike ball. On today’s PBA Tour, Chris Barnes and Norm Duke are the best players that utilize proper hand position according to Jowdy’s observation.

Jowdy brilliantly pointed out the importance of a free arm swing. In the Bowlology column, there was an article on the pendulum arm swing. He also emphasized a great pendulum arm swing. Jowdy gave examples of current bowlers who have proper arm swing:

Parker Bohn, Pete Weber, and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. In the early years of the PBA, Don Johnson, Jim Stefanich, and Dave Davis were heralded among those having great arm swing.

Jowdy wanted every bowler to have a good starting point as well as a quality follow through. He describes the ideal follow through as “delivering the ball with a fully extended arm; out and toward the pins with minimum arm bend”.

Jowdy may not have known bowling ball layouts and ball surfaces; however, he did know a great deal about good bowling body mechanics.

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Weber and Williams Jr.—Chasing 100 Titles

Last month, Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. both won their 99th career PBA tour titles among all levels of PBA Bowling. I have been a fan of the PBA for the last 27 years. A decade ago, I was there when Walter Ray won his 41st title at the PBA World Championship. Never in my lifetime did I think that some bowler could win 100 titles at the regional and/or a national level. Last year, *Bowlers Journal International* wrote an almanac story dealing with this topic. My thought was ‘yes, it could be possible for Walter Ray and Pete to complete this amazing task.’ It’s been 4 years now since Pete has won his 5th U.S. Open. By the same token, it has been 3 years since he has completed the Triple Crown—twice when he won the 2013 Tournament of Champions. Just this year, he won his 6th PBA50 title. He is the only bowler who has multiple major titles on the PBA50 tour— meaning that when he’s won a PBA50 major, he’s won it twice. When the PBA50 tour season started this year, I thought maybe Walter Ray was done because wins have eluded him in recent years. However, he surprised me when he won the 2016 PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open to join Tom Baker in winning 10 PBA tour titles and 10 PBA50 tour titles. Weber joined Walter Ray when he won the tournament in

Hammond, IN, in late August. He has been quoted saying, “If Walter Ray gets here before I do, oh well.” From my point of view, Weber has never thrown the ball better. Bowling fans, here we go. Who will get there first? Here’s some feats that Weber and Williams Jr. have accomplished in the last 10 years.

Weber:

- 2012—became the first player to win 5 U.S. Open titles.
- 2013—won the TOC to become the first bowler to complete the Triple Crown twice.
- 2016—won 6 PBA50 titles. Having done this, he’s become the third player to win 10 titles on both the PBA and PBA50 national tours.
- 2016—became the first player to win multiple U.S. Open titles on both PBA and PBA50 tours.

Williams, Jr.:

- 1997—became the first bowler to surpass the million dollar mark in career earnings.
- 2006—bested Weber for the PBA World Championship title.
- 2006—beat Weber at the Japan Cup to surpass Earl Anthony gaining his 42nd title.
- 2010—joined Anthony at earning his sixth Chris Schenkel Player of the Year.



At left:
Pete Weber;



At right:
Walter Ray Williams, Jr.

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