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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. **Messenger** discusses Daugherty 2nd title at the Wolf Open. This month's **Strike Column** looks at the bowlers who have a perfect record in the championship round in a particular Major. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary about the shorter PBA tournament formats for PBA National titles. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.



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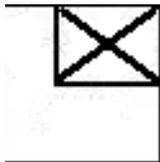
## Messenger

### Daugherty Wins PBA Title #2 at the Wolf Open

The scores were quite high at the 2016 PBA Fall Swing at the Wolf Open. There were a total of 6 300 shots during the tournament. The cut took a score of +170 by PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke to make it into the next round. Chris Barnes led the first 6 games with a score of +268. He was one of the bowlers that shot a 300 game. In the second round 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year candidate Francis Lavoie led it by 76 pins over three time Chris Schenkel Player of the Year Jason Belmonte. Chris Barnes dropped two places down to make him the third seeded for the stepladder finals. The other two bowlers were Tom Daugherty and 2016 USBC Master Champion Anthony Simonsen.

In the first match Anthony Simonsen was having a hard time hitting the pocket as well as having a gutter ball in the eighth frame. It was a low scoring affair with Daugherty winning 198 to 183. In the second match, it looked like Daugherty was going to win the match easily as he struck three out of the first four frames. However Barnes opened the three out of the first four frames. In the second frame Barnes made a 2-10 split. Barnes began to strike after struggling in the first part of the game. Daugherty was beginning to struggle and had a chance to double in the tenth to shut out Barnes. Tom got 19 in the tenth giving Barnes a second life to double and advance. Barnes could not get the double to advance in the tenth frame. In the semi-finals Daugherty has been undefeated against Jason Belmonte. Tom started with a front six against Jason Belmonte. Belmonte kept up with Tom but in the middle of the game, Jason was beginning to struggle. Jason could have put some pressure on Tom but he could not. As Tom only needed a mark in the tenth to win the game and keep his record of being undefeated against Belmonte. Tom was going to have to face newcomer Francis Lavoie to capture his title. This was Lavoie first appearance in the championship round. It was a good match for Francois. Tom was just able to keep on the pressure and Francois started out good but could not finish the match strong. This was Daugherty second career PBA Tour title.

				1.	Francois Lavoie	-	192	<b>Tom Daugherty</b>
					Tom Daugherty	-	212	
		2.	Jason Belmonte	-	225			
			Tom Daugherty	-	255			
	3.	Chris Barnes	-	169				
		Tom Daugherty	-	193				
4.	Tom Daugherty	-	198					
5.	Anthony Simonsen	-	183					



# Strike Column

## Perfect in the Major CRA

These nine players are perfect in the Championship Round when they appear in a particular Major. There are five Majors and each one has a player that has won more than once. When the bowler has appeared on that Major, they won the title and remained perfect in the CRA. The most recognized name of all of these players is Marshall Holman. In

Bowler	Major	Years
Del Ballard Jr.	US Open	1987, 1993
Marshall Holman	Tournament of Champions	1976, 1986
Wayne Zahn	PBA National Championship	1966, 1968
Mike McGrath	PBA National Championship	1969, 1970
Dave Ferraro	TPC / PBA Players Championship	1988, 1990
Steve Hoskins	TPC / PBA Players Championship	1997, 1999
Dennis Horan Jr.	TPC / PBA Players Championship	1998, 2000
Doug Kent	USBC Masters	1991, 2006
Jason Belmonte	USBC Masters	2012, 2013, 2014

1986, he became the third career millionaire by winning the Tournament of Champions a second time. Amazingly enough, Del Ballard's first and last title was at the US Open. In recent years, Jason Belmonte has three-peated the USBC Masters in 2012-2013-2014. Doug Kent first Major was the USBC Masters back in 1991 and he won again in 2006.

Winning multiple Majors is hard enough, but being perfect in the CRA of specific Major distinguishes these bowlers from the other great bowlers. Josh Hyde Bowling is not talking about bowlers like Scott Alexander that appeared one time and won a Major or that list would go on and on forever. These bowlers are perhaps the best bowlers in that particular Major. Bowling fans can notice that names are not like Earl Anthony, Dick Weber, Walter Ray Williams Jr., or Pete Weber. These bowlers won Majors, but they are not perfect in the CRA. Joe Berardi is perfect in his three Major CRAs, but these are all different Majors

Contending in the Majors is one thing compared to how hard it is to win the title. Winning multiple times in the same Major while being 100% is a significant accomplishment for these bowlers.



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Mike McGrath



Dave Ferraro



Steve Hoskins



Dennis Horan Jr.



Doug Kent

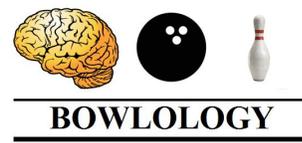


Jason Belmonte

## Messenger—Continued

### Geico Title Sponsor of the 8th PBA World Series of Bowling

Last month the PBA announced that Geico was going to be the title sponsor for the PBA. The eighth edition of the World Series of Bowling. It has produced some very memorable moments such as the first one. When Tom Smallwood after losing his job at GM became the PBA World Champion. Chris Barnes became the fifth bowler to win the PBA Triple Crown at the PBA World Championship. The fourth WSOB was where PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III went on to win his second career major at the PBA Championship by being the number one for each of the cuts. Last but not least Gary Falkner Jr. Became the second African-American to win a PBA Major at the PBA World Championship. During each of the championship rounds. Geico will be sponsoring the championship round recap. Geico will be celebrating fourteen years of sponsoring the PBA. "We really like being a part of the World Series of Bowling" stated Ted Ward Geico's vice president of marketing. "It's such a popular sporting event and it brings out such great fans. We're happy we can support them." Geico first event at the 2003 Geico open in West Babylon, N.Y.

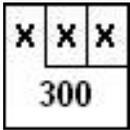


### # 6 Great Minds of Bowling—Norm Duke

Norm Duke has one of the greatest minds in Bowling. He has won two US Opens, three PBA World Championships, one USBC Masters, and one Tournament of Champions title. In his DVD, Learning to Bowl Competitively, he talks about the sport in which bowlers can relate and discusses how bowlers can improve their game. Norm Duke can play up the gutter and hook the lane just as much as Jason Belmonte. Duke has a great insight on the game when it comes to being knowledgeable about getting to the foul line, understanding what ball motion a bowler needs to adjust, and to reading different lane conditions.

Duke has bowled a 300 on National television in 2003 against the great Walter Ray Williams Jr. He is still the youngest player to win a PBA title 1983 when he was only 18 years old. In 2008, he became the 4th player in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown and the second player to complete the Grand Slam. He made a tough 2-4-5-8 bucket spare to win the 2008 US Open. He is the only player to win Majors in one year. Duke has a great talent and is very knowledgeable about the sport of bowling.





# Tenth Frame— Commentary

## Shorter Tournament format for PBA National Titles

At the Detroit Fall Swing, the PBA membership had a chance to win four PBA Tour Titles in one week. Each animal pattern tournament had only 12 games to get to the top 5 to the television stepladder final not having a lack of games during the first two shows of the Wolf and Bear Open there were a number of mistakes because the 5 bowlers had only twelve games on the pattern. Whereas twenty years ago bowlers had at least 42 games before they advanced in the championship round.

In a PBA National Tournament should have more qualifying blocks to make it fair. If the PBA tells the bowlers that they are only one six-game block does not constitute enough games to make a cut. If players were able to have more qualifying rounds and then one semi-final round or match play round, the PBA memberships might be more enthusiastic to bowl on the Tour. A lack of prize money is the cause of this. Yes, if bowlers get off to a great start they can build up a lead in the tournament. Except the guys were close, did not make the round of 12, and did not have another opportunity to drill a ball and come out with a better game plan and come out with a better game plan what they had in the first squad. In the Detroit Open that was the real tournament, because bowlers had three rounds of qualifying with and additional three rounds of semifinals. The cashing ratio was one in three. Instead of just paying the top 12 in the Wolf/Bear and Badger Opens, the PBA had the same cashing ratio as they have always had. The problem is there are no sponsorship and no prize money in the PBA tournaments. Bowling fans might argue that bowlers have to be on top of their game in these shorter tournament formats. However, having more games at a PBA Regional tournament does not make any sense than Tom Daughtery winning his second PBA tour title at 16 games. Yes the PBA rule book states that in order to constitute a title the bowlers must bowl a minimum of eight games, however; if

bowling fans would ask the PBA memberships how they felt about it, they would say 20-30 games. Yes, PBA has to come over some hurdles except the PBA is where the best bowlers compete at the highest levels. If the PBA regional program wants to be a stepping stone for the PBA Tour, a PBA regional tournament might look something like this. On the first day of qualifying typically Saturday morning, the bowlers would bowl one eight game block. Then they would take the top 12 to bowl 4 more games of qualifying then they would take the top 5 in the step ladder finals, the 8 game total of the qualifying block would go towards the initial regional tournament. Sunday the bowlers would bowl another 8 game block on another pattern. Those top 12 would bowl 4 more games and after a total of 12 games of that tournament, bowlers would once again bowl in the step ladder finals. After the 16 games of the combining scores, the top one-third the top 12 of those bowlers would go on to bowl 4 more games of qualifying. After a total of 20 games for the initial regional tournament, the top 5 would go on to the step ladder final. In a one regional tournament those bowlers would be competing for 3 PBA regional titles. The PBA has to do something to entice the best bowlers in the world to bowl on the PBA tour. It has become like a great big pot game. Instead of having a fully scheduled PBA tournament with longer tournament formats. Yes, it does make it easier for the international bowlers to bowl, however; if they are truly a PBA caliber bowler they should make it work. Having more games in the PBA Tournament will always produces the best of the best.

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