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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** is Blanchard's win at the Reality Check Classic. **The Kingpin Column** discusses Hall of Famers winning Regional Titles **The Spare Column** is a preview of the PWBA Tour. **The Tenth Frame** is a commentary about coming season of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.



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Messenger

Blanchard Wins His Third Title at the Reality Check Classic

There were almost 200 bowlers for the first Xtra Frame event for the 2017 Storm Cup. Josh Blanchard defeated AJ Johnson 232 to 204 to claim his third career PBA Tour Title. After one tournament he is leading the Storm Cup to receive the ten thousand dollar bonus as the point leader. In the semi-finals it was a high scoring match as Blanchard defeated Dom Barrett 279 to 258. Barrett was looking to win his first title in three years. In the opening match Blanchard defeated Shawn Malonado 236 to 175. As Malonado struggled Josh Blanchard found a line and opened up with a 230 game. All bowlers bowled an eight game qualifying bloc. The field was cut to the top one third. Kyle Troup and Bob Learn tied for the last spot. Troup won in the one game rolloff 222 to Learn's 200 game. The top one third came back and bowled four more games of qualifying with scores carrying over from the opening round of qualifying. The field was cut again to the top 16. Those 16 bowlers would bowl three more games of qualifying. One last final cut before the stepladder finals to the top eight would bowl two more games of qualifying. The top four after a total of seventeen games would bowl to the stepladder finals. A.J. Johnson was the top qualifier.



Josh Blanchard winner of the 2017 Reality Check Classic.

2017 Reality Check Classic

1.	AJ Johnson	-	204	Josh Blanchard
2.	Dom Barrett	-	258	Josh Blanchard
3.	Josh Blanchard	-	236	Josh Blanchard
4.	Shawn Maldonado	-	175	Josh Blanchard



Last month on the PBA Regional Circuit, Walter Ray Williams Jr. Was in a repeat final of the 2016 PBA50 Fayetteville Southern Open against Lee Brosius. In 2016, Lee won the title 2-1, but this year Walter had his revenge with a 2-0 win, 268-221 and 211-206. This was his 101st combined PBA title (PBA Tour, PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour and PBA50 Regional). Walter worked his way to the final match by sweeping Steve Jones and Joe



PBA Hall of Famers keep winning Regional Titles

Scarborough, the first bowler to have a 900 series in PBA competition.

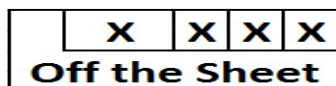
In the Colorado Springs Southwest Super Regional, the tournament format allowed byes for the top eight qualifiers. 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year and U.S. Open Champion, Francois Lavoie qualified at the top. This left him two matches from the final match. Brian Voss qualified sixth which earned him one bye in match play.

Francois swept his first opponent Kris Koeltzow 2-0 and advanced to the semi-final against Steve Badovinac. Lavoie defeated him 223-190. Voss was up against Dino Castillo in his first match play round who he defeated 2-1. The next match saw Voss sweep John Cicero 2-0 giving

him a spot in the semi-finals. In that match, he beat Brad Miller 225-202.

In the Championship match, PBA Hall of Famer, Brian Voss started strong with a double, spare, and then a string of seven consecutive strikes. Francois had a hard start with two splits which he failed to convert. Francois did not give up, but there was no way to keep up with Voss. Voss won 263-210 which paid \$5,000 for first prize.

This was his first win in over 30 years of the PBA Regional, not counting his first PBA50 Regional.



*This column is dedicated to the **Bowlers Journal International**. I will be summarizing BJI articles periodically in the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.*

Last month Bowler's Journal International interviewed 2016 US Open Champion Francois Lavoie. Francois was quite thrilled at receiving the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Honor, since Graham Fach won the 2016 Barbosol and won the PBA Players Championship. However Francois did shoot the first 300 in championship round at the U.S. Open, which really propelled his chances at the Rookie of the Year recipients. He was also just shocked that he won two titles in his rookie year.

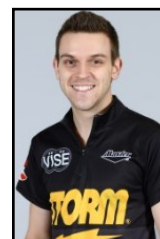
Chatroom : Francois Lavoie 2016 US Open Winner and Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Winner

He would then go on to defeat the greatest of all time Walter Ray Williams Jr. to claim his second PBA Career Title at the PBA World Series of Bowling. He was surprised and not so surprised at winning the Rookie of the Year Honor.

Lavoie was doubtful if he really belonged out on the PBA Tour. He had prior experience as an amateur at the U.S. Open and the Masters, however it did not make him feel like he compete at the top level. Even after winning two titles and the Rookie of the Year, he still questions if he can compete at the top.

He said bowling the preliminary

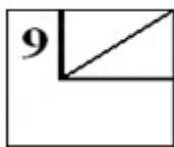
rounds of a PBA tournament and the championship round finals are two different environments. For the television show, he focused just on his game and had to learn to avoid the extra distractions around him.



At Left - Francois Lavoie 2016 PBA Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Honor.



There have been 5 players who have received the Chris Schenkel Player of the Year Award and the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Award; Mike Aulby, Chris Barnes, Tommy Jones, Jason Belmonte, E.J Tackett.



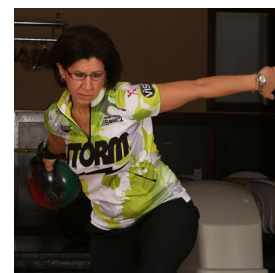
2017 PWBA Preview

A few year ago, this publication did an article stating that it would cover the PWBA events and tour. There was a mixup between the USBC and the editor which prevented the smooth and regular flow of information, results, and press releases. New sources for this information have been found therefore articles about the PWBA Tour will now be part of this publication in the future. In the PWBA standard tournament format all bowlers will bowl 12 games of qualifying with a top 32 advancing into the third round of qualifying. Those 32 bowlers advancing will bowl six more games of qualifying then they will cut to the top 12 for six games of modified round robin match play. Those 12 bowlers will be divided into two groups. The odd number seeded group one, three, five, seven, nine, and eleven will bowl against each other. The even number seeded group two, four, six, eight, ten, and twelve will bowl against each other. Both of these games will bowl five games before position round game. The top two seeds are seeded based on pinfall. The one that has the higher pinfall will receive the number one seed for the stepladder finals. The other top seed will be ranked second the other two bowlers that bowl head to head match to claim the number three and number four seed for the stepladder finals. In first two seasons of the PWBA Liz Johnson has been player of the year and has won the U.S Open back to back season. She has tied Pete Weber with five U.S. Open titles and in 2015 she also won the Queens title. In the first seasons of the PWBA. Johnson has earned PWBA Player of the Year honors. She has been the dominate force on the PWBA Tour. She is the one that of the best on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour. With CBS Sports Network televising the tour. The tour is only going to get better. For more information on the PWBA Tour log onto pwba.com.



Tournament Schedule

Dates	Tournament
April 27-29, 2017	PWBA Sonoma County Open Double Decker Lanes - Rohnert Park, CA 94928
May 4-6, 2017	PWBA Storm Sacramento Open Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes - Citrus Heights, CA 95610
May 11-13, 2017	PWBA Fountain Valley Open Fountain Bowl - Fountain Valley, CA 92708
May 17-23, 2017	USBC Queens Raising Cane's River Center - Baton Rouge, LA 70802
June 1-3, 2017	PWBA Wichita Open Northrock Lanes - Wichita, KS 67226
June 8-10, 2017	Pepsi PWBA Lincoln Open Sun Valley Lanes - Lincoln, NE 68528
June 15-17, 2017	PWBA Greater Detroit Open Super Bowl - Canton, MI 48187
June 21-25, 2017	Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley - Green Bay, WI 54304
June 29-July 1, 2017	PWBA Orlando Open Boardwalk Bowl - Orlando, FL 40505
July 6-8, 2017	PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open Seminole Lanes - Seminole, FL 33777
July 13-15, 2017	Nationwide PWBA Rochester Open AMF Gates Lanes - Rochester, NY 14606
July 27-30, 2017	PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Copperfield Bowl - Houston, TX 77095
July 31-Aug. 6, 2017	U.S. Women's Open Plano Super Bowl - Plano, TX 75074
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2017	PWBA Tour Championship TBD - TBD, TBD TBD



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Tenth Frame—Commentary

Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter 10th Year Preview

Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter starting in July it will be tenth season of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter. Four years ago Mort Luby told the story of the Bowler's Journal history as they were celebrating there one hundred year anniversary. This publication will be doing the same thing but only for our ten year anniversary, maybe one day we get to do a 100 year anniversary story. At the end of the year there will be a special edition newsletter with all the major stories of the last decade. Just a preview of some of these major stories.

- Memorial Day Weekend 08 the first newsletter.
- Mike Aulby's email encouraging me to take the newsletter national.
- Writing for the American Bowler Magazine.
- Opportunities to write for other bowling publications including a sidebar in Bowler's Journal Magazine.
- Interviewing the some of the greatest bowlers of all times.

- Winning awards in the IBMA Writing Competition.
- Doing the 50th anniversary tournament of champions media kit.
- Earning a coaching certification

There will be many more important events and stories from the past ten years. With doing this publication I can be asset to the bowling industry. I had always wanted to be in the bowling industry since I was nine years old and now I am a part of the bowling industry in it's media circle. From being a fan of the PBA to becoming an honorary member of that organization. This publication is my way of saying thank you.

Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter



When you see this logo in future editions of the newsletter it is a ten year anniversary story.

Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter



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