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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** is a summary about the PBA Doubles.

The Kingpin Column discusses the King of Bowling. **The Spare Column** discusses the Elkhart Midwest Central PBA Regional. **The Tenth Frame** is an editorial about tournament leaders in 2017 on the PBA Tour. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

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Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Championship

Kyle Troup and Jesper Sevennson won the Mark Roth/Marshall PBA Doubles Championship against E.J. Tackett and Marshall Kent 279 to 195. Troup won his second PBA Tour Title while Sevennson his sixth PBA Tour Title. Sadly one of the Tournament names could be not be there during championship finals. The great Mark Roth due to health issues. However the tournament still went to two of the greatest bowlers in the world. In the semi-finals it looked like Tackett and Kent were going to win the doubles tournament as they defeated Dick Allen and Zeke Bayt as they defeated them 248 to 228. In the second match the two greatest bowlers of the PBA Tour Today Jason Belmonte and Bill O'Neill were trying to become one of the greatest double teams in PBA history however they fell a little bit short 211 to 244. Belmonte did not have his striking shoes on. As they struggled to advance to the semi-finals. It would have been a great semi-final match if Belmo and O'Neil could have advanced to the semi-finals as four former Harry Golden Rookie of the Year players as four would have faced of with each other. Two of them would have been the Chris Schenkel Player of the Year. In the first match Allen and Bayt would have the front ten against Shawn Malonado and DJ Archer. They would go on to defeat them 287 to 195.

Championship Round Stats:

High Game: 287 Allen/Bayt

Low Game: 194 Archer/Maldonado

High Match: 287 to 194 Allen/Bayt vs Archer/Maldonado

Low Match: 244 to 211 Allen/Bayt vs O'Neill/Belmonte

Average Winning Game: 264.5



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2017 Mark Roth / Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship

					1.	Svensson/Troup	-	279	Svensson/Troup Champion
						Tackett/Kent	-	195	
					2.	Tackett/Kent	-	248	
						Allen/Bayt	-	228	
					3.	O'Neill/Belmonte	-	211	
						Allen/Bayt	-	244	
4.	Acher/Maldonado	-	194						
5.	Allen/Bayt	-	287						

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Last month, the PBA brought back the King of Bowling with defending Wes Malott. It was between the reigning Player of the Year and the 2013-2015 Player of Years. The event was pay-per-view and bowling fans had to purchase in order to watch. All three bowlers put in \$500 in the winner takes all event. It was run after the round robin match-play of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship. It was a three game, winner takes all match with winner receiving \$1,800. 100 hundred bowling fans paid to watch the exclusive event and this went towards the

King of Bowling—Belmonte, Malott, or Tackett Malott Still Reigns

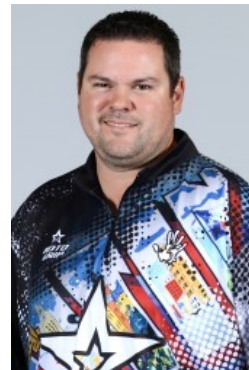
total prize fund.

The King of Bowling was between three former Player of the Year winners. The other two bowlers also received the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year award, Jason Belmonte and E.J. Tackett. Malott prevailed as he shot 238, 256, and 227 for a total of 721 over E.J.'s 664 and Belmonte's 640. Wes said, "Any time you can compete against the hottest players of the time, it's great fun. It might not have meant as much to Jason or EJ as it did to me, but it was something I needed to prove to myself."

In the 2009 King of Bowling series, it was a different format. That event was a modified stepladder spread over five weeks with the winner advancing to the next week's show. These games were single

games and not a three game total. Malott was on five consecutive games against Chris Barnes, Patrick Allen, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Rhino Page, and Parker Bohn III. He bowled a 268, 258, 300, 257, and 300 for an average 276.6. It was a good series for bowling fans to watch because he beat all the great bowlers of that time.

Even though the 2017 was not a series, it was a great promotion for Xtra Frame and allowed bowling fans to watch three of today's great bowlers.



Off the Sheet

*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, the Bowler's Journal International wrote Jason Belmonte's Majors. In the fourteen PBA Titles that he won, eight of them are majors which is a 57%. He has only been on the PBA Tour for nine years.

Belmonte's first Major was won back in 2012 at the Elite PBA Players Championship. He was not aware this was a Major title as it was only classified as a Major three years after the event. He joined Earl Anthony, Doug Kent, Dave Davis, and Marshall Holman

who only have multiple wins of the same Major.

Belmonte became the second in PBA history to successfully defend his TOC title in 2015. He would join Earl Anthony and Jason Couch at three-peating a Major at the 2015 USBC Masters. He also joined Mike Aulby as the only two bowlers who won three USBC Masters titles. Just this year he added another Masters title by defeating Michael Tang 279-212. He is the only player to have four USBC Masters titles. At this rate, if he were to win 30 PBA titles, he will earn 17 Majors. He is only two

away from Pete Weber in the Major count. If he were to win the US Open and World Champion, he would join Mike Aulby as the only bowlers who have ever Major.



The PBA Tour averaged 4.93 perfect games per event in the 1990's.

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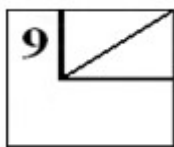
Edge™ Dark Purple Solid**# 6 Great Minds of Bowling—Mo Pinel****BOWLOLOGY**

Mo Pinel is the 6th greatest mind in bowling. He had designed numerous bowling balls. In his opinion, there are five parts of ball motion. He thinks the transition is part of ball motion. Most bowlers would think it would be skid, hook and roll. He thinks from skid to hook is actually the second phase of ball motion. The fourth phase would be from hook to roll. Pinel has come up with another technique to drill bowling balls is a dual drilling system. This enables bowlers to have more options in their arsenal. Late in the 90's, he helped to design the second Pink Hammer 3D Offset. Many bowlers had success with that ball. He has his own ball company named Mo Rich. One of his

pro-staffers was Walter Ray Williams Jr the greatest bowler of all time. He has designed multiple balls at Brunswick, Fabbal, MoRich, Radical, and AMF. He developed the Shift Bowl Technique which is a way for a bowler to smoothly get their body and ball in motion.

Mo has hosted numerous seminars on drilling bowling balls with the Dual Angle Technique. He also developed the Mass Bias concept which is another part of the bowling ball. Mo knows balance holes to get the ball to react differently on the lane. This way a bowler can experiment with putting different sizes of holes and depths to get the ball to match the bowler and the lane pattern. He theory is that the coverstock is the important thing on the ball followed by the mass properties and then the static weight. He says, "Once an oil pattern is applied to the lane, the decisions made by the ball driller are the single most important factor in how much a bowler enjoys bowling on the lane conditions." If bowler wants to understand the physics of the bowling ball, they only need to study what Mo writes.





Spare Column

PBA Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Open

At the 2017 PBA Country Club Lanes presented by Global 900 had a total of 80 entries for the PBA Regional Title. This was the fifth year that Country Club Lanes in Elkhart has held a PBA Regional. They had a good turnout in the PBA Regional itself. Graham Fach, the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship winner, led qualifying with a score of +247 and an average 235 in the 7 games. It would take a score of +48 by Bill Crane and B. J. Satkowski to make the cut into the bracket of 16. The last cash number would be + 40 by Christopher Hill in 20th. The top 4 qualifiers received two byes in the bracket match-play rounds while fifth through eighth earned one bye. Ninth through sixteenth would have to go through the entire bracket to claim the \$2,000.00 first prize and title.

Kris Prather nearly came from fourteenth place to the title. His first round was against Cory Hines which he won 2-0. He met local T.J. Schmidt in the next round and dominated in the first game 269-163. The second game T.J. was able to find the pocket and strike with 243-209. Kris was able to hang on to the game and win the match. Third place Nick Kruml put on a performance with a score of 234. However Kris was able to come back on the second and third game and move on to the semi-finals. Also in the round of eight, Kelly Jordan took advance of the two-bye and won his match against Nathan Michalowski 2-0.

In the semi-finals, it was Kelly Jordan against Graham Fach in a close match which Jordan won with a 227 over Fach's 224. The other semi-final had Kris and Jesse Buss in a knockout win for Kris with a score of 277-207. The Championship match saw Kelly face Kris was a surprisingly low scoring match from these two bowlers. The lanes were transitioning and these guys could not strike as they had before. Kelly won in the end and claimed his second PBA Regional Title with a 196-181.



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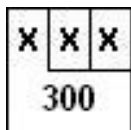
Graham Fach 224			
Kelly Jordan 227	Kelly Jordan 196		
Jesse Buss 207		Kelly Jordan	
Kris Prather 277	Kris Prather 181	<i>Champion</i>	

Championship Round Statistics

High Game: 277 Kristopher Prather
Low Game: 181 Kristopher Prather
High Match: Prather vs Buss 277-207
Low Match: Jordan vs Prather 196-181
Average Winning Game: 231.66



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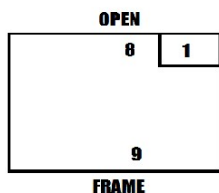


Tenth Frame—Editorial

Tournament Leaders winning in 2017

This year PBA Tour has proven time and time again that being in the tournament lead going into the championship round that being the tournament leader has given their advantage. In leading the tournament back in February won in a majors at the USBC Masters, Barabso PBA Players Championship and the Tournament of Champions. The bowlers have earned that number one spot for a reason. Norm Duke once told me that even though the bowler has lost on television he still won the tournament he has been there all week. His opponent had to chase him during the course entire tournament. This year bowling fans have got to really see who are the best players win the tournament. By being the tournament leader they only to bowl one game. That is a huge advantage because they have time to warm up and maybe see what the lanes are transitioning throughout the championship finals. Parker Bohn III his first six PBA National Titles were won as being the tournament lead-

er. Randy Pedersen had the longest stretch at winning as the top seed. If bowlers had a choice one through five. They would like to be the top seed because they know they only have to bowl one game. Being the tournament leader has it's advantages one is the bowler is guaranteed second only bowling a single game for the title. Tournament leaders this year are winning 71% of the time. EJ Tackett first two majors were as the top seed at the 2016 PBA World Championship and 2017 Tournament of Champions. The three to four other guys have to work there way up through the stepladder to get to the finals to have a chance at the title. On television bowlers have only one game matches to advance to the next match. If they are not lined up to the pocket. There opponent is lined up to the pocket and striking. They are going to have a harder time winning that game to advance for the championship.



IBMA Writing Competition. Honorable Mention Non-Professional Category News Feature.

On April 27th I was recognized by the International Bowling Media Association as being an honorable mention in the non-professional news feature category. This has been eighth year in a row that I have placed in the top three. I had submitted five articles that I did during the 2016 calendar year. This award adds 16 awards that I have won to the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter subscribers. I can only thank you for the support of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. My long term goal is to reach 48 awards .



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