

# Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter



Welcome to this month's edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. In this issue, we will be talking with Wes Mallot and taking a look back at a past name that won a tournament. More specifically, we will be looking at what happened at the Match Play Championship and discuss the book 50 Greatest Players in PBA History. Also for your enjoyment, there will be a new feature to the newsletter. Please enjoy this edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

For the first time in the history of the PBA, they wrote a book on the 50 greatest bowlers in the PBA history. Bowlers like Earl Anthony, Walter Ray, Mike Aulby, and Chris Barnes, the "greats" in the game. The book tells how the PBA got started and what each player went through in his career. For \$19.95 plus \$5.95 for shipping and handling you can order this great book. The best bowling book of all time!

As for the GoRVing.com Match Play Championship, there were a couple of upsets on the round of 64. For example, Billy Oatman beat Mika Koivuniemi 4-3 and also, Mike Edwards beat Edward VanDaniker Jr. 4-3.

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In the round of 32, Eugene McCune beat Parker Bohn III 4-3. Allen beat Page 4-1. Walter Ray beat Ronnie Russell 4-2. Malott beat Bohr 4-2 and Duke beat Carter 4-3. This was some of the action that happened in the round of 32.

In the round of 16 there was an upset between Malott and Loschetter with Loschetter winning the match 4-2. Angelo beat Allen 4-3. Walter Ray beat Tommy Jones 4-1.

In the round of 8, a rematch between Loschetter and Angelo only this time Loschetter won the match 4-2. Walter Ray beat Duke 4-0. Wolfe beat Oatman 4-0. Barnes beat Cain 4-0.

In the championship round, the format went from games being won to total pin fall. In the first semi-final match, it was a strike fest between Barnes and Wolfe. Barnes shot a 300 the first game and ended up shooting 820 over Wolfe's 740. The second semi-final match wasn't a strike fest. Walter Ray defeated Chris Loschetter 679- 589. To get more information about the Go RVing Match Play Championship log onto [www.pba.com](http://www.pba.com).

Just when we thought Wes Malott had the Player of the Year wrapped up, Chris Barnes is making a run for the award. Since he made the last four championship rounds, his chances for the award are now in reach. If Chris does get the award, it will be the first time in 12 seasons that a player has successfully defended the honor.

Barnes has really picked up the baton as being the next superstar for the next generation of the PBA Tour.



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## Moments in history

For this Moment in History I will be talking about seeing a name from the past win the Ebonite Classic. The year was 1996 and Marshall Holman bowled well the first round of the Ebonite Classic. After the first round my mom and I went out to eat with Parker Bohn III, Jason Couch, and Marshall Holman. Marshall had gotten a paper to read during dinner and they wrote an article about him being a commentator and a bowler for the tournament. It said that he had a 100% chance of making the show; jokingly Marshall said that to Jason and Jason said, "Let me see that!" Jason read it and sure enough Marshall was right! Lo and behold, Marshall made the show as a bowler not a commentator! The night before the show I thought, "How cool would it be to see a name from the past win a tournament." I was obviously routing for Parker but I really wanted Marshall Holman to win the tournament. As it turns out he beat PBA Hall of Famer, Wayne Webb 246-235. That was so amazing to see the #9 bowler of all time, win a title. It was an honor to watch.



## Interview of the month : Wes Malott

**Q:** How was your experience with the 50 year anniversary celebration? Any special moments?

**A:** It's an honor to be able to be competitive and be on top of the PBA this year. Being the 50th

anniversary, obviously there is more people taking recognition to it. The ToC was probably the most special when they honored the 50 greatest bowlers from the 50 year history of the PBA. To be along side with a lot of those guys was very special moment. I was a little disappointed that I wasn't in the 50 greatest of all time, but for good reason. I'm still young and still have many more years ahead of me and I'm still doing well. Hopefully, I will still continue my success and be in that top 50 or 100 whenever they decide to do that later on.

**Q:** Do you like the high scores or the low scores? Why?

**A:** Honestly, I really don't like high or low scores. I like kind of medium scores. Basically, what that tells me is that if they are high scores, there is a lot of luck involved. If they are real low scoring, there is also a lot of luck involved; therefore medium scores usually kind of take more of the luck out and you're going to usually come away with your best bowlers at that time.

**Q:** How many Tournaments would you like in the PBA season?

**A:** I would like to see the PBA have probably somewhere between 25-30 tournaments. Break it up into 3 swings and also have some weeks off in between. That just gives you more tournaments to be able to have more exposure throughout the year.

## Trivia Frame

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- 1.) Who is the only bowler to win three major tournaments in a row?
- 2.) Who won the 1998 Men's US Open?



# Commentary

As I have read some of the *50 Greatest Players in PBA History*, I can't help but notice what these players have done in their careers. Eddie Elias wanted to create a premier bowling league 50 years ago. This book is a great book for the bowling fans as it tells how each player got to their success. For the bowling fan, I would encourage you to buy one and read the stories of the 50 great pro bowlers. However, they did leave out a couple of great players like Steve Hoskins, who has two Touring Players Championship titles, and Mark Williams, who has two Tournament of Champion titles. I bet it was really hard cutting players to hit the 50 limit. The book also covers how Eddie Elias started the PBA and how he wanted to give the greatest plays a place to have a career.

In the Go RVing Match Play Championship, I believe that it was a déjà vu match reminiscent of the match between Earl Anthony and Dick Weber. In this match, it was a "passing of the torch" between the two greats. When Chris beat Walter, you could start to see the future potential that Chris is able to achieve. Even though Dick beat Earl in that match, it was still "passing of the torch", only this time, the new superstar won the match.

  
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With Player of the Year winding down, Chris Barnes really did make quite a run at the race, making four consecutive television shows and winning back to back titles.

It goes to show anything can happen. This is what being the PBA Player of the Year is all about! You can't slow down if you want to have a chance of being Player of the Year. You have to beat the best to be the best. That is what Chris Barnes tried to do in the last part of the year. Even though Barnes hasn't won many TV games, he still holds twelve titles and that says a lot about a Pro Bowler. This is what Chris Barnes has done.

Thanks for reading this edition of the Josh Hyde newsletter!



This is Ronnie Russell's plastic ball from the GEICO Plastic Ball Championship. He finished 16<sup>th</sup> in this tournament and ended up giving it to me at the Marathon Open the next week. This was a special ball for the retro tournament as the bowlers only used plastic balls.



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