

Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter

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Welcome to this month's edition of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter. This issue marks the one year anniversary of the bowling publication. In this issue we will take a look back at a legendary winner, winning and watching his emotions unravel. We will also be talking with a name from the past. Finally we will be talking about the King of bowling presented by Amp. So enjoy this issue of the Josh Hyde Bowling newsletter.

For the first time in twelve years, the King of Bowling is back. Each week there would be three bowlers who would have a chance to become the King of Bowling for that show. The winner of the show would go on to the next week to see if he could remain King. Each King has a chance to pick the pattern to bowl on.

In the first week, it was between Duke and Barnes. Duke made Barnes get a double in the tenth to advance to bowl the King, Wes Malott. Barnes prevailed beating Duke 257-248. Wes was able to maintain his throne by beating Barnes 268-214.

The second match was the battle of lefties between Pat Allen and Mike Scroggins. Patrick Allen conquered Mike by defeating him 272-268. Once again, Wes continued his reign by defeating Allen.

Walter Ray and Bill O'Neil made up the third show to take on Wes. Bill and Walter Ray tied at 247, causing a one ball sudden death roll off. The one

ball sudden death went on for five balls with Walter striking, and defeating Bill. You would think Wes might have been intimidated by the number two bowler of all time, but no, he bowled a 300 against Walter Ray's 238!

John Nolan and Rhino Page were featured the fourth week with Rhino cruising over Nolan 257-233. Rhino tried to make a statement when Wes was struggling, except Rhino couldn't find a better way to strike. Early in the game, Wes picked up a 2-4-10, but missed a seven pin spare. He then came back and struck out for a 257-233 win over Rhino.

Finally, the wild card match was between Brad Angelo and Parker Bohn III. Bohn defeated Angelo 260-187. This match did not faze Malott as he rolled another 300 over Bohn's 223. Malott was definitely the "King" in the King of Bowling presented by AMP.

Malott really did rule his throne as he went undefeated in the five shows. In doing this, he averaged 276 with a low game of 257 and two high games of 300. This is what it takes to become the King of Bowling. Even the best could not overthrow this year's definitive Player of the Year.

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Moments in history

The year was 2005. The legendary Dick Weber passed away and I was at the bowlersparadise.com Classic in Hammond, IN. The match was between Pete Weber and Joe Ciccone. Pete was up 3-0 against Joe, so he only needed to win one game to advance to the show. Joe came back from a 0-3 deficit, but Pete prevailed and went onto the championship round. His first match was a tough one because Tommy Jones was on a winning streak. Pete flew by Tommy, beating him 207-167. The second semi-final was between Brad Angelo and Ryan Shafer. Ryan swept by Angelo defeating him 210-196. This set up the championship match between Weber and Shafler.

As expected, it came down to the last frame when Weber needed a mark to win. On the first ball in the 10th frame, Weber left the 10 pin. Later, Pete said that was the hardest 10 pin he ever had to make. It was great being there and witnessing one of the greatest bowlers of all time winning a title. Also, it was neat to see Weber's emotions unravel when we won after the passing of his father.



Interview of the month : Carmen Salvino

A: I've been out here 50 years. I started with the PBA. I was one of the first charter members and we had a great party and sold books, sold out of the books, and the crowd was fantastic. It probably was the best experience that I have ever had.

Q: How was the Plastic Ball Championship?

A: The Plastic Ball Championship was a good tournament. It showed how the bowlers of today would bowl with the equipment of the past. I think they proved their point that a champion is a champion and it doesn't matter what era you come from. If Dick Weber and I, Carmen Salvino, were 25 years old, we'd have no problem competing out here. These young players today, if they went back 20 or 30 years, they'd have no problem competing

Q: What are you looking forward to in the future of the PBA?

A: I am looking forward to the prize funds. I think the popularity to improve a lot, but I am looking for the prize fund to be higher so that these guys get paid like other professional in other sports.

Comment: I know that Parker Bohn has been a good buddy of Josh's, but I've had the opportunity to meet Josh over the last five years and I find him a very intelligent man and I like his bowling newsletter. I hope he keeps coming out here every year because we need fans like Josh.



This month and in the coming months we will be doing trivia. Please submit your answers via e-mail to:

jhbnl@comcast.net. The first five people that answer this correctly will get a 10% coupon sponsored by bowlinggift.com. Thank you bowlinggift.com for contributing to the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

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



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

Commentary

Last month's King of Bowling, presented by AMP, brought out the best bowler of the season. The revival of the event allowed the best bowlers of the season one more attempt at the crown. Also, we saw a variety of talent in throwing the ball.

Wes was definitely Mr. Versatility and the King of Bowling all season long. With this year, Wes has become another superstar of the Lumber Liquidators' PBA Tour. Congratulations Wes for an amazing season and spectacular finish.

Next month, I will be talking about the next year of the PBA. First will be the new World Series of Bowling which will start in August. There is also the expanded field and "golden parachute" exemption for one lucky player.

This month's issue makes the first anniversary of my publication. In this year of covering the bowling news, I hope I have presented the PBA as the best bowling league in the world. It has been a great honor to interview the bowlers from yesterday to today as well as the leaders who run the league. Talking about my

personal bowling experiences is what really stood out about this newsletter. Having this understanding of what the author thinks of the PBA is a big part of reading my newsletter. This is what gives me a great joy bringing you the latest news of the PBA.

It will be exciting to write another year of the JHBNL. Thank you for reading this issue and the past year of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter

This is me and Carmen Salvino at the 1990 U.S. Open in Indianapolis.



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