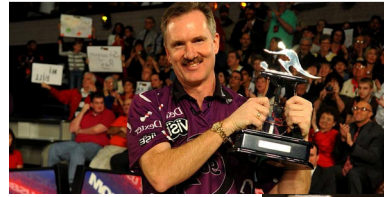




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News

Welcome to the completion of the 2nd year Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. You heard right! For the Moment in History there will be a special guest talking about his experience winning back-to-back titles on the PBA Tour. For the Strike Column, we will be discussing the five legends of the PBA. We have an interview of the month with Jim Sturm, the BPAA President, who will be discussing his thoughts on promoting our favorite sport. The news is about two major feats happened in the last two months. First is that Walter Ray rewrote history by winning his 7th Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year. Second, Kelly Kulick won 4 consecutive majors. Enjoy this edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

Wow! What can I say? Kelly Kulick winning four major tournaments in a row. Just when we thought Duke

was going to be the only bowler to win three majors in a row, Kulick showed him four was easy when she won the US Open. She did this by defeating Liz Johnson 233- 203. Fifteen days prior she defeated Tenelle Milligan 230-188 in the USBC Queens, plus about 3 months before that she beat Chris Barnes 265-195 during the 2010 Tournament of Champions. Then at the World Series of Bowling she won the PBA Women's World Championship by defeating Shannon Pluhowsky 219-204. This is probably the greatest feat in the history of bowling. It's like Bobby Jones when he won all four major tournaments in golf! This is an amazing accomplishment by a pro-bowler.

Walter Ray became the first bowler in the PBA's history to win 7 PBA Player of the Year Awards. Pete Weber helped him do this by defeating Mike Scroggins in the Marathon Open, 268- 224. Kulick and Walter Ray are writing the history of bowling by doing these feats. Even though Walter Ray and Mike Scroggins tied the point race, Walter Ray had a big lead in the regular points, so therefore the award went to Walter Ray. Kulick and Walter Ray are the best male and female bowlers of today.

On a sadder note, bowling lost the first female legend of the PWBA, Marion Ladewig. She was definitely the Dick Weber of Professional Women's Bowling. Winning a record nine Female Bowler of the Year Awards and a record eight BPAA All-Star Titles, Marion was the only woman to win the city, state, and National All-Event Titles all in the same year. She will be greatly missed in the bowling community.



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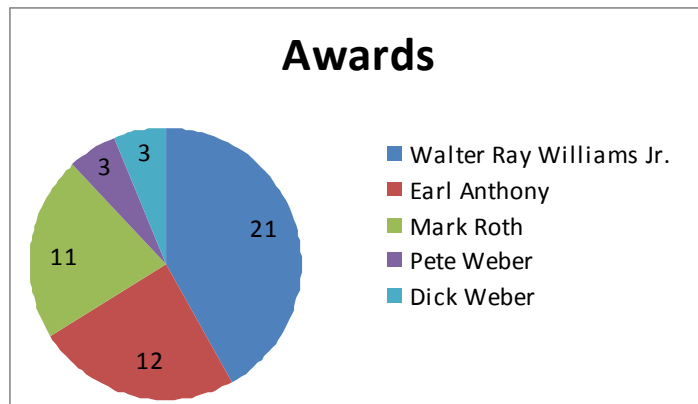
Strike Column – The Top Five Legends of the PBA

For this month's Strike Column, I thought I would talk about the top five bowlers in PBA history and why they were so great. The top five are Earl Anthony, Walter Ray, Dick Weber, Pete Weber, and Mark Roth. In each of their eras, they have dominated the PBA Tour. These bowlers have won a lot of titles, awards, and majors, and they made the PBA what it is today.

Dick Weber – The first superstar of the PBA Tour. He won four BPAA All-Stars tournaments, which is known as the U.S. Open today. Dick holds the record for consecutive match play appearances to this day. He defended his All-Star titles twice, for a total of four All-Star titles. Dick also

He was the first bowler to win \$100k in a single season. Also, he was the first bowler to go over the \$1m mark in career earnings. Every major that he won, he won at least twice. Earl won seven titles in one year, only to be topped by Roth. He won the PBA National Championship three consecutive times; not once, but twice. In addition, Earl earned five high average awards. He has taken 43 titles in his career. Like Walter, Earl was a bowling machine. As you can tell, he was a legendary bowler.

Mark Roth— Revolutionized the PBA Tour. His big hook has been idolized by countless contemporary bowlers. He was one of the first bowlers to rip the cover off the ball! Mark won the US Open and



Walter Ray Williams, Jr. – He has dominated the last two decades. He surpassed Earl Anthony's 43 wins in 2006 and set the earnings record for one season. He was the first to go over \$2m and \$3m in career earnings. Walter Ray holds

bowling equipment changes. In his thirty-year career on the PBA Tour, this flexible style has given him an incredible hook. When he won the Firestone Tournament of Champions, he "climbed the ladder" from the

| Bowler | Events | Cashes | Cash % | Match Play Apps | Match Play % | TV Apps. | Championship Round % | Titles | Win % |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Earl Anthony | 387 | 311 | 80.36% | 239 | 61.76% | 114 | 29.46% | 41 | 10.59% |
| Walter Ray Williams Jr. | 663 | 525 | 79.19% | 383 | 57.77% | 158 | 23.83% | 41 | 6.18% |
| Dick Weber | 550 | 391 | 71.09% | 275 | 50.00% | 50 | 9.09% | 26 | 4.73% |
| Pete Weber | 703 | 522 | 74.25% | 382 | 54.34% | 126 | 17.92% | 35 | 27.78% |
| Mark Roth | 613 | 422 | 68.84% | 271 | 44.21% | 97 | 15.82% | 34 | 35.05% |

holds the record of seven consecutive television appearances. In addition, he became the first bowler to win three consecutive titles. Dick distinguished himself to the rest of the sports world as the only athlete to claim titles in each of six decades. Dick Weber will definitely be missed in the bowling community.

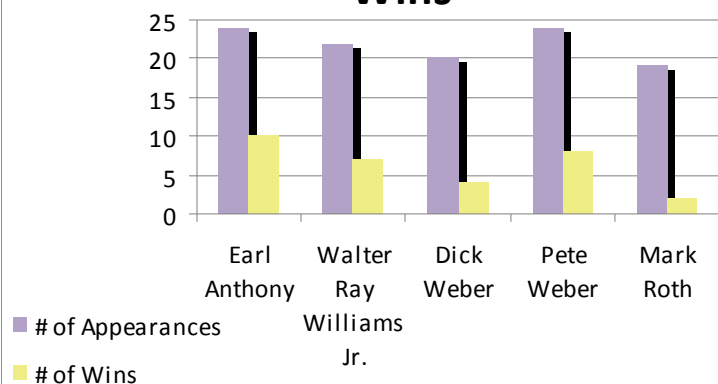
Earl Anthony – This bowler was the second bowler to dominate the PBA.

one of the Touring Players Championships. Roth set a record of winning the most titles in one season with eight victories. Roth was the Jason Belmonte of the '70's because of his unique hook. His amazing hook placed him in legendary standing in the PBA. Mark was the first bowler to convert the 7-10 split on national television.

the record for the most Player of the Year titles. He holds both the top single pin conversion rate at 100% and the best spare conversion rate at 88% in the same season. The man's not a bowler; he's a bowling machine. He has won the high-average award six times. He is definitely the third legend of the PBA. He has won the U.S. Open twice.

number-five seed to number one. In that year he made both the U.S. Open show and the PBA National Championship show. He had the chance to win all three majors in the same year. To put oneself in a position like that says a lot about a pro bowler. This is why he is one of the legends of the PBA.

Major Appearances vs. Major Wins



Pete Weber – Winner of four U.S. Opens: if that doesn't say anything, I don't know what does. This is the toughest of tournaments all bowlers dream of winning. Four of his eight majors are U.S. Open titles. In 1989, Pete Weber was the leader in high average in the PBA. He is the only bowler who can successively hook the ball with accuracy. He and Walter Ray are two of few pros who have successfully adapted with

2000 Brunswick World ToC signed by the winner, Jason Couch



Moments in History

Guest writer Parker Bohn III



My moment in history goes back to 1997.

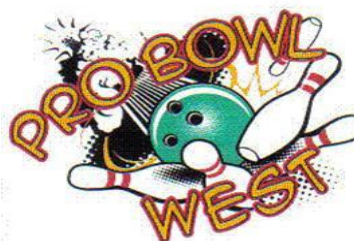
Winning on the PBA tour is tough but, winning back to back weeks well that's like climbing a mountain. In 1997 I was fortunate to double in the tenth to beat my good friend Jason Couch for the AC Delco title in Long Beach, Cal. The next week the tour was in Las Vegas at the Showboat Invitational. The week started out pretty good and fortunately for me just kept getting better. I made match play and bowled pretty good and put myself in position for the TV show again. I bowled really well on Friday night and made the show for the second week in a row. This show had me bowling against Pete Weber, Mike Miller,



Steve Jaros where I bowled 299 in the semi-final match and then advanced to bowl who else but Walter Ray Williams for the title. The match was a close one. Within 10 pins the whole way. When I was done with my tenth frame, I sat down and realized that Walter needed the first strike and 8 spare to beat me for the title. Well, Walter naturally got up and threw the first strike and I thought it was over but, I did remember that earlier in the game Walter left a bucket on that very same lane, what could

the odds be that he would or could do that again ? Well as his ball rolled down the lane surprisingly to EVERYONE, especially me he did just that, SIX (leaving the bucket). Immediately I won the title sitting on the bench for the second consecutive week. Unbelievable !!! They say a picture is worth a thousand words, well let me tell you, IT IS..... It is for this very same reason that I tell everyone, "you never know what may happen and watch every ball going down the lane until the pins are done falling".

With back to back titles, I guess you could say I was able to climb the mountain....



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Interview Part 1—Jim Sturm, BPAA President



How is it going to be with BPAA and USBC in the same building at the International Bowling Campus?

This is very simple... IT'S GOING GREAT... everyone must understand we are two different organizations with different missions, *yet* each other needs one another to survive. Being able to walk around the corner and discuss a plan or a program allows the staff of BPAA/USBC to work and be more productive that benefits both organizations, and especially the bowler. A great example is BOWLOPOLIS.

Here is the best way to describe it...

BPAA, the Proprietor, are marketers and developers of a program. They live and breathe in the centers 24/7; they understand needs and wants of the bowler of all generations. BPAA, along with USBC will then create the program, USBC will add the awards, rules, tournament, certification, and any and all governance to the programs, BPAA will be the creators and developers of the program. That's the beauty of all of us under the same roof... For any program to be successful it takes the best that each organization has to offer, when we stay within that frame there is nothing stopping either organization from growing.

How can we better promote our sport if the PBA isn't the answer?

First, the PBA is a huge part of the answer... and really is the true marketing arm of our industry. The PBA is no different when it comes to the business of bowling: it too is caught in the "evolution" change of the sport. The tour too must use the resources of a joint industry for the tour to be successful in my opinion. If the BPAA provides the bowler base and the creative of programs, of some 70 million bowlers and USBC provides league bowler support and is the governing body of the sport, then the

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Commentary

From its infant stages of a one-page newsletter to a changing four-page newsletter, the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter covers a lot about the pro-tour and its players. The analysis of today's great bowlers and those throughout the history of bowling has been a unique feature of this publication. Bowling fans can see how yesterday and today's bowlers are the best through various columns.

Walter Ray and Kelly Kulick are rewriting bowling history as we know it, with Walter winning a record seven Player of the Year titles and Kelly winning four majors in a row. Walter Ray is currently the best bowler of all time. With Kelly being the first woman to be exempt on the PBA Tour and winning four consecutive majors, she could be known as the Queen of Bowling. The same thing is true with Walter with his seven Player of the Year titles. He could be recognized as a bowling icon in future years. Both of these players know how to throw a ball 60 feet down the lane to knock over ten pins in one shot. This is what makes the best bowler be the best bowler in the world. They know how to read the lanes and know what equipment they need for every frame that they bowl. With so many wins for two players, this is perhaps the most exciting time in the history of professional bowling.

The greatest aspect of bowling, the PBA, is getting more coverage through live streaming and television, increasing its fan base. It's an exciting time to be a fan of bowling with technology like Facebook and X-tra Frame. X-tra frame is the ESPN for bowling. Bowling fans can really tune into bowling and contact the pros virtually face-to-face. What other sport do you know of that you can actually talk to your favorite player? And don't forget that you can play where they play. There is no reason why a bowler can't become a better bowler when he or she can learn from what their favorite player is throwing and seeing what the adjustments should be. It will be interesting to watch five tournaments broadcast over the Internet.

Explaining what makes bowlers the best is a lot of fun to cover. This is why the JHBN my passion. I can't wait for another year of this publication to bring you the bowling news of today's best league and its players in the PBA. Thank you for all your support, bowling fans. Talk to you next month with the next volume of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.

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role for the tour must be the media and production of the sport through its pro tours of men, women, youth, college, and team USA... again all three entities have a role in the tour being successful... at the end of the day all three need each other to survive.

Why is it so hard for a bowling proprietor to turn on the PBA when it's on? Simple, almost all open play bowlers are 34 and under and are made up of the Generation 3 bowlers who again have a completely different set and wants and needs, are not into TV as you and know it.....here is a great example, I was at the College Championship in Rockford Illinois 5 years ago, the center was full of teams from all over the country, the PBA Tour was on every channel and within 10 minutes the players, 18-21 age group (generation 3 bowler) had moved the channels to Nascar and Golf, this does not mean they don't like the tour they love the tour, but it just goes to show everyone the demands of this generation is completely different than mine, at that point I knew I was getting old,,,,I wanted to watch the tour!!!!

What did you think of the World Series of bowling? I like it, it adds an International flavor to our sport.....Bowling is truly an International sport and activity watched by millions today. Soon we will see competition via the internet between leagues in different countries around the world.



PBA Trivia Wizard

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Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who was the bowler who shot the record for four games, 1129, on national television?
2. What exempt player has won two Majors as their first two titles?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not Awarded!

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Mike Aulby
- 2.) Walter Ray Williams Jr.



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