

# Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter

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## News

Welcome to this month's edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. First, we will be discussing how the World Series of Bowling all played out. In the Moment of History, I will tell you how I was able to beat one of the best bowlers in the world. Also, you can see who are the best players in the major tournaments. Instead of having an interview, I will be doing a book review, so enjoy this edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

The first show had a total of 103 PBA Tour Title winners. It featured Walter Ray Williams Jr., Chris Barnes, Bill O'Neil, Pete Weber and Tommy Jones, who are definitely the stars of today. In an excellent championship match for the season opener, Walter Ray beat Barnes in the championship game 238-230 for his 46th Lumber Liquidators

PBA Tour title. By far, this was the best season opener in a long time.

Last month, for the first time in PBA Tour history, a reality show was hosted for the Cheetah Championship. Bowling fans had the opportunity to see what bowlers go through in a tournament. This was a unique showing of how the bowlers attacked the lanes and found adjustments that they needed to make.

They interviewed the top players, and the players told the bowling fans what they were going through and how they were feeling after every shot and every round. You definitely were able to see more of a bowling tournament than any other show. ESPN also interviewed the commentators, Rob Stone and Randy Pedersen, on their perspective on the Cheetah Championship. It was as close to a bowling tournament as you can get without actually being at the event.

The championship match was between Norm Duke and Ryan Ciminelli. Ryan took game one, but then Duke won the next four for a 4-1 victory. At one time, Duke was down by only twenty pins and Mike J. Laneside said that he was down by thirty eight and Duke made a joke. This lightened the atmosphere for the championship match. Duke came back striking the next several balls. As it turns out, it only took Duke five games to win his 33rd PBA Tour title. He defeated Ciminelli 258-205.



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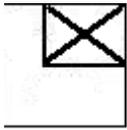


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## Strike Column— Major Tournament

For this month's Strike Column, I thought I would talk about the major bowling tournaments and what players are the best in them. The majors consisted of four tournaments: The US Open, USBC Masters, Tournament of Champions, and the PBA World Championship.

A decade ago the PBA had the Touring Players Championship as the fifth major, but they discontinued the tournament. Forty-seven out of the top fifty of all time have won at least one or more major tournaments. This equals out to ninety-four percent of the top fifty. These tournaments are typically low scoring due to demanding lane conditions.

The data in which I gathered, includes the BPAA All Star (formally known as the U.S. Open).

From 1941 to 1971 the U.S Open was called the BPAA All Star. Even before the PBA was established the bowling organizations even had major tournaments such as the BPAA All Star and The Masters. The chart I have constructed indicates some of the pro bowlers before the PBA was created. Such as Buddy Boman and Ned Day.

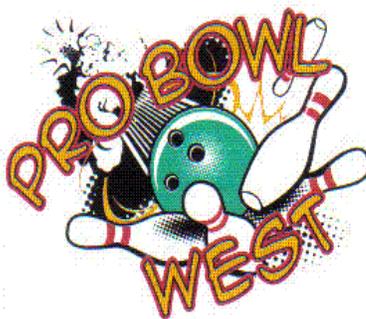
However, when the PBA was finally introduced, if a bowler was an amateur it did not count towards having an appearance or a win. The data consists of the number of wins and the number of

times they appeared in the major championship round final.

Some of the best players are: Earl Anthony, Pete Weber, and Mike Aulby. These players know how to win major tournaments. The players already mentioned know how to perform in the clutch. This is what you need to do to be able to contend in the major.

Contending in a major means you are going to make multiple pin spares rather than single pin spares. Also, you will have to realize that getting a double in these tournaments is like having a four or five bagger. The reason why this is, is because the lane conditions are very demanding. These players know how to make the proper adjustments.

To see the complete data you can e-mail me at [jhbnl@comcast.net](mailto:jhbnl@comcast.net) and I will send it to you.



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Bowler	# of appearances	# of majors won	% of total
Earl Anthony	24	10	42%
Pete Weber	24	8	33%
Mike Aulby	20	8	40%
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	22	7	32%
Norm Duke	17	6	35%
Don Carter	10	6	60%
Dick Weber	20	4	20%
Dave Davis	17	4	24%
Dave Husted	10	4	40%
Jason Couch	10	4	40%
Marshall Holman	10	4	40%
Del Ballard Jr.	9	4	44%
Doug Kent	8	4	50%
Mike Durbin	11	3	27%
Wayne Zahn	10	3	30%
Mark Williams	9	3	33%
Johnny Petraglia	8	3	38%
Billy Hardwick	7	3	43%
Dave Ferraro	7	3	43%
Jim Godman	7	3	43%
Steve Cook	7	3	43%
Billy Welu	6	3	50%
Bob Strampe Sr.	6	3	50%
Dick Hoover	4	3	75%
Joe Berardi	3	3	100%
Mike McGrath	3	3	100%
Mark Roth	19	2	11%
Chris Barnes	14	2	14%
Nelson Burton Jr.	12	2	17%
Dave Soutar	9	2	22%
Don Johnson	9	2	22%
Jim Stefanich	9	2	22%
Harry Smith	7	2	29%
Mika Koivuniemi	7	2	29%
Patrick Allen	7	2	29%
Ernie Schlegel	6	2	33%
Tommy Jones	5	2	40%
Andy Varipapa	4	2	50%
Billy Golembiewski	4	2	50%
Mike Scroggins	4	2	50%
Steve Hoskins	4	2	50%
Mike Limongello	3	2	67%
Paul Colwell	3	2	67%
Ron Palombi Jr.	3	2	67%
Tom Crites	3	2	67%
Connie Schwoegler	2	2	100%

### Moments in History

One time, Parker Bohn III was coming to my local Hall of Fame Banquet as the speaker. He had bowled very well that week, but didn't make the first cut. He decided to come a little bit early and bowl before the Hall of Fame Banquet. However, I did not know he was coming early, it was a surprise.

That Saturday morning, I noticed that there was a bowling bag in our living room, and my dad said he had won it at pot bowling the

### Kingpin Column



night before and that there was more stuff in my parents room that I should go check out. I opened the door and Parker was in there sleeping!

We decided to go bowling

with my buddies. The balls that he brought were sanded, causing the ball to hook a lot more. He threw his 1st ball and it went from board 1 to 39. My buddies and I were licking our chops, because we knew we could beat him! To make a long story short, he had a hard time hitting the pocket that I was able to hit. He ended up bowling a 130 game, and I ended up shooting a 190 game. It was fun beating the number 10 bowler from the PBA's 50 Greatest Players.

### Book Review—50 Greatest Players in PBA History

50 Greatest Players in PBA History is about the greatest bowlers of all time. Players like Earl Anthony, Walter Ray Williams Jr., and Dick Weber are talked about in this book. It also has bowlers like Mark Roth and Marshall Holman. The Superstars of yesterday and today in the PBA tour are also in this book. The forward, by Chuck Pezano is about how the PBA got started and who was the founder of the PBA as well. It goes through the fifty greatest players in PBA history and talks about how they got to the top of the PBA in

their bowling career. If you love the PBA, as much as I do, this is a must have for the bowling fan. PBA Commissioner, Fred Schreyer wrote his thoughts and thanked the bowling fans for supporting the PBA. The book also covers how some of the players, including Mark Roth, have revolutionized the sport of bowling. In my opinion, this is the greatest bowling book of all time because you can read about all your favorite bowlers. For \$19.95, you can purchase the book on [www.pba.com](http://www.pba.com).



### PBA Trivia Wizard

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#### Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who was the '01-'02 rookie of the year?
2. Who won the 2008 Cheetah Championship?



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## Commentary

As we have already seen, for the World Series of Bowling (WSOB) there is a lot of talent on the Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowler's Association (PBA) Tour.

The Motor City Open proved that the best bowlers in the world are in the United States. Having a total of 103 titles on the line for the very first show, sets the tone for both the WSOB and the '09-'10 season.

With Chris Barnes and Walter Ray dueling it out for the first championship of the season, they proved that they are still the best bowlers. The WSOB also shows that the legends of today's tour can still throw a bowling ball.

Since Walter Ray, Duke, and Page became the first three



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winner of the season, it makes me wonder if it is going to be a super-star year for the PBA Tour. We need super-stars of the game to grow both in bowling and the PBA Tour. Bowling fans, this is what we desperately need.

This could be one of the best seasons of all time. Back in 1994, Norm Duke and Walter Ray won the first two titles of the year. As you might recall, Duke ended up being player of the year.

2009-2010 could be déjà vu of the 1994 season. This year, the difference was that Walter Ray won first, then Duke. It will also be intriguing to see who will win their first major tournament.

All four finalists of the PBA World Championship have not won a major tournament. This will be the first time in a long time that this has happened. All the best bowlers usually make the championship round at major tournaments.

As we have watched the WSOB play out, you can tell that even though the PBA had international exemptions. Every tournament winner is an exempt player that qualified for the season.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks for reading the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

## Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Awarded to Ron Jonas!

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Tom Baker
- 2.) Wes Malott



This award was given to me when I shot my high game of 269. Roger Dalkin made an award and signed it for recognizing my all time high game.

