

Major Tournaments

Triple Crown, Grand Slam, and Super Slam



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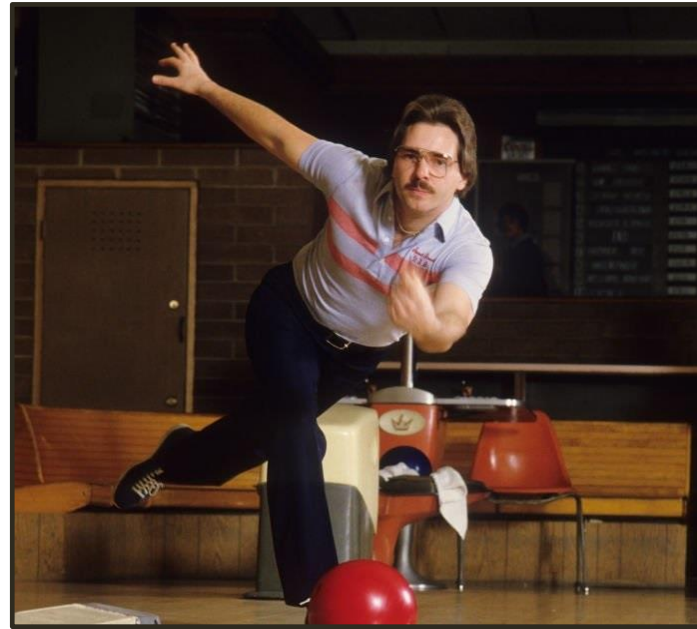
**PBA PLAYERS
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**USBC
MASTERS**



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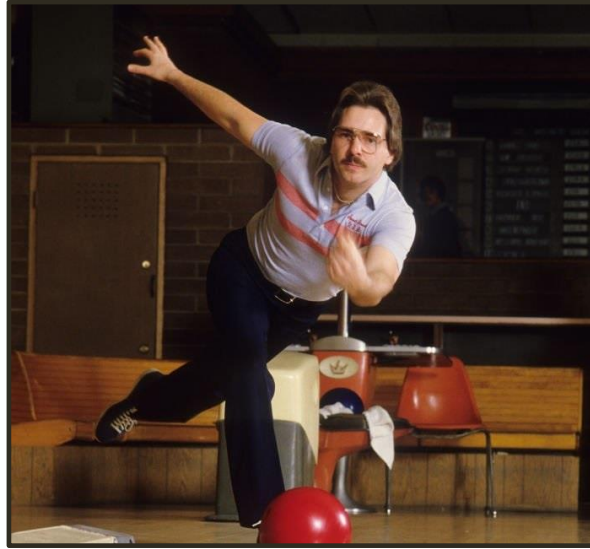


Mike Aulby completed the Super Slam at the 1996 Bayer Brunswick Touring Players Championship



Jason Belmonte completed the Super Slam at the 2020 US Open.

Grand Slam means a PBA Player has won the Triple Crown plus the USBC Masters. Only three players have done this.



Mike Aulby completed the Grand Slam at the 1995 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions.

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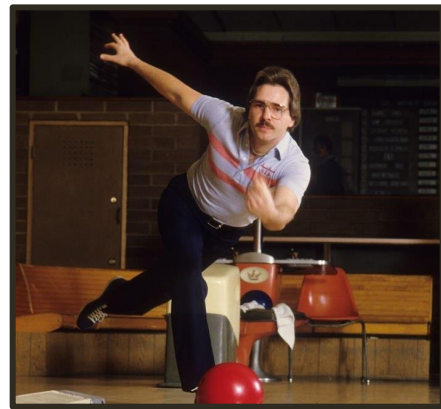
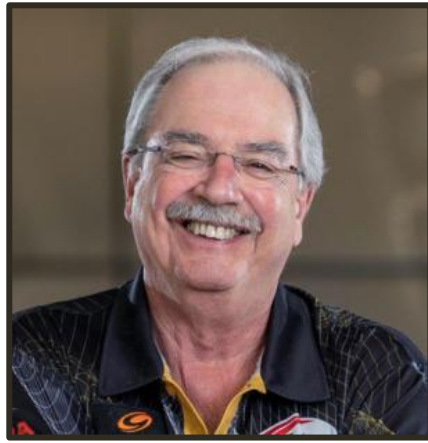
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Triple Crown

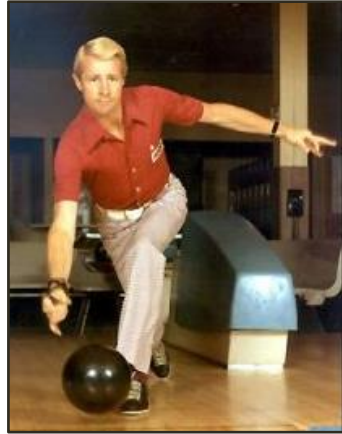
Year of Completion

- Billy Hardwick 1969
- Johnny Petraglia 1980
- Pete Weber 1989 & 2013
- Mike Aulby 1995
- Norm Duke 2008
- Chris Barnes 2011
- Jason Belmonte 2020
- Dom Barrett 2022
- EJTackett 2023



Bowlers that
have won the
same Major
multiple times

Dick Weber
Mike Durbin
Steve Hoskins
Dennis Horan Jr



Dick Weber-

Four All-Star (currently known as the US Open)

Mike Durbin-

Three Tournament of Champions

Steve Hoskins-

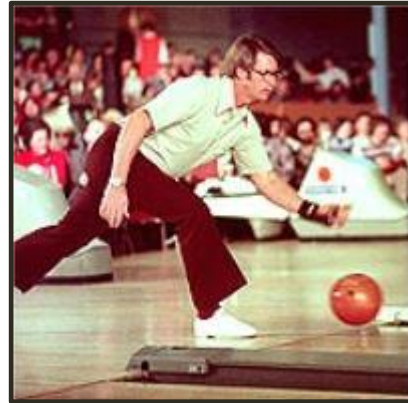
Two Touring Player's Championships (currently known as The Player's Championship)

Dennis Horan Jr-

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Bowlers that
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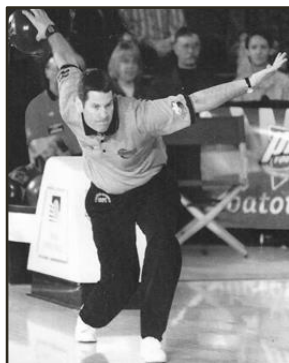
Earl Anthony
Doug Kent
Marshall Holman
Dave Davis



- Earl Anthony –** Six PBA World Championships
Two Tournament of Champions
Two USBC Masters
- Doug Kent-** Two PBA World Championships
Two USBC Masters
- Marshall Holman-** Two US Opens
Two Tournament of Champions
- Dave Davis-** Two PBA World Championships
Two Tournament of Champions

Bowlers that have won the same Major multiple times and another Major at least once

Dave Husted
Francois Lavoie
Jason Couch
Mark Williams
Dave Ferraro
Jim Godman
Bill O'Neill
Mike McGrath
Wayne Zahn



Dave Husted –
three US Opens /
One TPC



Jason Couch –
three ToC / One
TPC



Mark Williams –
two ToC / One
TPC



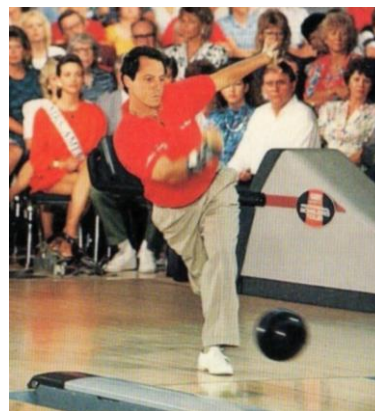
Bill O'Neill
two TPC/One US
Open



Wayne
Zahn
Two PBA
World/One
TOC



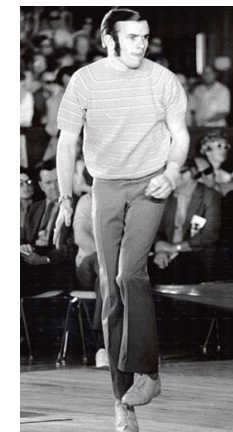
Jim Godman- two
TOC/One Masters



Dave Ferraro –two
TPC / One ToC



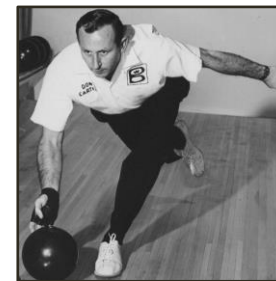
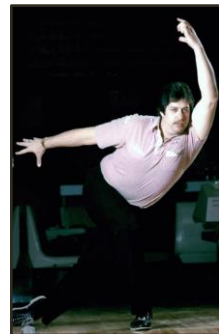
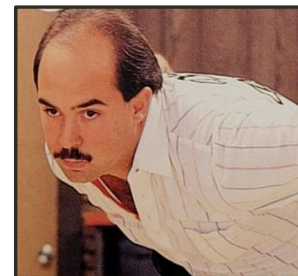
Francois Lavoie –two
US Open / One ToC



Mike McGrath-
two PBA
World/One US
Open

Bowlers that have won three different Majors without completing a Triple Crown

Walter Ray Williams Jr
 Steve Cook
 Parker Bohn III
 Anthony Simonsen
 Joe Berardi
 Don Carter
 Del Ballard, Jr
 Mika Koivuniemi



Walter Ray Williams, Jr	PBA World Championship US Open Players Championship USBC Masters	Don Carter	PBA World Championship US Open USBC Masters
Steve Cook	Tournament of Champions Players Championship US Open	Del Ballard, Jr	Tournament of Champions US Open USBC Masters
Parker Bohn III	USBC Masters PBA World Championship Players Championship	Mika Koivuniemi	US Open Tournament of Champions USBC Masters
Anthony Simonsen	USBC Masters Players Championship US Open		
Joe Berardi	US Open Tournament of Champions USBC Masters		

Top Moments in the Majors

- In 1960, Don Carter won the first PBA National Championship (currently known as the PBA World Championship).
- In 1967, Jack Biondolillo was the first bowler to bowl a perfect game on national television at the Tournament of Champions.
- In 1970 at the same tournament, Don Johnson would have his famous 299, and it would be voted the greatest moment in PBA history.
- In 1982, Earl Anthony became the first bowler in PBA history to earn a million dollars in career earnings at the PBA National Championship (currently known as the PBA World Championship).
- In 1984, Mike Durbin became the first bowler to win three Tournament of Champions titles.
- In 2000, Jason Couch became the first player to successfully defend his Tournament of Champions title.
- In 2002, Couch would become the first player to win three consecutive TOC titles.
- In 2004, Tom Baker won the PBA World Championship which gave him five more years on the PBA Tour.
- In 2008, Norm Duke became the fifth player in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown and the second player to complete the Grand Slam at the US Open.
- Also in 2008, Norm Duke won three Majors in a single year (across two seasons).
- In 2010, Kelly Kulick became the first woman to win a PBA Major at the Tournament of Champions.
- At the 2011 PBA World Championship, Chris Barnes won to complete the Triple Crown.
- In 2013, Pete Weber became the first player to complete the Triple Crown twice at the Tournament of Champions.
- In 2017, Jason Belmonte became the first bowler to win three Majors in a single year.
- During the 2024 US Open, the who's who of bowling came together in the top 5 championship round – Kyle Troup, Anthony Simonsen, Jason Belmonte, EJ Tackett and Bill O'Neill.

All-Star & Masters

In 2008, the PBA decided to award titles for members that had won the All-Star (which is currently known as the US Open & the Masters). This is how Dick Weber earned 30 titles as he won four All-Star Tournaments. Back in the mid '80s, if a PBA member won the Masters, they earned a spot in the Tournament of Champions. However, it was not considered a title.

By adding titles to a bowler's career, it might have added one title closer to the PBA Hall of Fame category. The All-Star Tournament was a hundred games. Both Dick Weber & Don Carter won it four times each. Dick Hoover successfully won and defended the Masters in 1956 & 1957. The Masters Tournament was originally an invitational tournament with each state getting an entry. When a bowler won the All-Star Tournament, they could bowl the tournament for their entire lifetime. Back in 2012, Pete Weber became the first and only player to win the US Open five times surpassing Dick Weber and Don Carter.

Major Tournaments Conclusion

In 1958, Eddie Elias wanted to provide a way for professional bowlers to make a living by throwing a bowling ball. In 1960, he started the PBA National Championship (currently known as the PBA World Championship). This was the first Major of the PBA. In 1962, Joe Joseph won the first PBA Tournament of Champions. There have been bowlers that their only title is a Major – for instance: John Nolen, Gary Faulkner Jr, Scott Alexander and Kelly Kulick. Major tournaments are hard to win. These tournaments have demanding lane conditions. Bowlers are not easily going to strike during the preliminary rounds of the tournament. Two consecutive years at the US Open, Earl Anthony led the tournament by as many as 500 pins; however, both years, he did not walk away with the title. In 1979, George Pappas led the Tournament of Champions wire-to-wire and came away with the victory. That was an extraordinary accomplishment. The majority of pro bowlers would like to win at least one Major during their career. The 34 bowlers highlighted in this presentation are by far the best bowlers that know how to strike in the Majors. There are only two bowlers in the history of the PBA that have completed the Super Slam – Mike Aulby and Jason Belmonte. There are only three players that have completed the Grand Slam – Mike Aulby, Norm Duke and Jason Belmonte. Lastly, there are only nine bowlers that have completed the Triple Crown – Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia, Pete Weber, Mike Aulby, Norm Duke, Chris Barnes, Dom Barrett, EJ Tackett and Jason Belmonte. Bowling fans can see how difficult it is to win a Major on the PBA Tour.