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Champion John Marsala & Bill Moore

John Marsala Claims Second PBA50 Tour Title

John Marsala made professional bowling history on Tuesday night at the PBA50 Bud Moore Classic

by Jill Winters

John Marsala made professional bowling history on Tuesday night at the PBA50 Bud Moore Classic. When he stepped up on lane 14 inside Bud Moore Lanes and flushed his seventh strike of the championship match in the foundation frame against Brad Angelo, he felt relief and a lot of emotion.

"Tears were coming and that made it really hard to throw the first one in the tenth," he said after closing out Angelo in the title match. "It made me feel like I belong out here and I can compete with the Hall of Famers."

The lefty was in control of the entire match starting off with a spare followed by six strikes in a row on his way to the 255-226 victory. In the fifth frame, Marsala got a brief scare when the seven and 10-pin stood for a moment and then almost simultaneously fell to the right, as part of Marsala's important string of strikes.

"I was a little fast on that shot and when that fell for me, I had a bunch of momentum," he said of that key moment in the match. "My Phase II, it read the right part of the lane and I

knew this was the ball to use."

The stepladder finals were held on two lanes inside the home of tournament sponsor, Bill Moore. Parker Bohn III, Amleto Monacelli and Walter Ray Williams Jr. were sitting just off to the side of the lanes watching this unique match along with spectators.

Marsala had never bowled in a tournament with fans sitting so close to him before and it was an experience he will never forget.

"The atmosphere was fantastic," he said. "I made history and my name will always be associated with this moment."

In the first stepladder match, lefty Mitch Sacks defeated Dan Knowlton 237-225. Sacks then ran into a bulldozer facing Angelo the No. 3 seed. Angelo started the match with the first 11 strikes-in-a-row leaving a 10-pin on his final shot to win the match 299-238.

Angelo, who led the tournament after day one, then moved on to face Lennie Boresch Jr. Angelo continued on page 6

Kyle Troup Wins Kia PBA Playoffs for Eighth Career Title

Defeats Sam Cooley to win \$100,000 and a WWE championship title belt

by Jef Goodger

MILFORD, Conn.—Top seed Kyle Troup defeated No. 11 seed Sam Cooley to win the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs, 3-1, in a race-to-three-points competition, in which each game is worth one point. Troup's second Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour title of the season is also the eighth of his career. With the \$100,000 first-place prize, Troup has now earned a single-season PBA Tour record \$469,200 in 2021.

Troup won the first game, then fell victim to Cooley rolling the 31st televised perfect game in PBA Tour title-event history, knotting the match at one point apiece.



"I felt really confident," said Troup of his mindset entering game three despite Cooley having rolled 300. "I knew I pretty much lost that game by the seventh or eighth frame, so I switched my focus to rooting Sam

on. I wanted to see him bowl 300 and get the extra \$10,000. It's one to one, all right, I just need to win a game. I really wanted to win game three to put the pressure on him to make him feel like it was a must-

win situation."

Troup did win game three, taking advantage of an open frame from Cooley in the seventh after Troup had also struggled with missed spares, including a continued on page 2

Pete Weber - Still Doing It His Way

by Dave Williams

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." And so it is with Pete Weber, the on again, off again superhero of professional bowling, who won again for the second consecutive week at the Granville Financial Open at Sandhills Bowling Center in Aberdeen, North Carolina, the latest stop on the PBA50 Senior Tour.

The list of accomplishments for Pete Weber on the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour are too numerous to mention, including 37 titles on the regular tour and eleven

on the senior circuit. But the statistic that stands out for me is his domination of the major events in both the regular and senior divisions of the PBA. No other bowler, with the possible exception of Don Carter, has so dominated the men's majors in any era of bowling history.

My first meeting with a young Pete Weber took place during AMF's negotiations to purchase Dick Weber Lanes, the Florissant, Missouri home of Pete's famous father. The usual procedure that AMF employed was to have me visit a potential acquisition for a week to get a feel for the business, the clientele,

and to verify the league bowling information that had been sent by visual observation every evening.

Pete, who was already a PBA champion with a couple of titles under his belt when we first met, was an

intense individual that was familiar with my 300 and 800 exploits and seemed to want to duke it out on the lanes that day. But once he realized that my personality was slightly above that continued on page 6



All smiles at the Anderson Bowl Doubles Competition (l-r) Dave Williams, Mike O'Barr, Pete Weber and future Congressman J.D. Hayworth (Photo provided by Mike O'Barr)

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KYLE TROUP AND SAM COOLEY ADVANCE TO KIA PBA PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

by Jef Goodger

MILFORD, Conn.—Top seed Kyle Troup and No. 11 seed Sam Cooley will face off for the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs Championship tomorrow on FOX Broadcast Channel. Both players swept their opponents, 2-0, in a race-to-two-points format in which each game is worth one point. Troup defeated No. 4 seed François Lavoie and Cooley eliminated No. 15 seed Cristian Azcona.

Lavoie, who defeated Troup in the final match of the Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam in April, built an early lead in the first game with the front six, but an open in the ninth frame gave Troup a chance.

“I definitely wanted to get a little revenge on him,” said Troup of avenging his loss in the Super Slam. “When he gave me that chance in the first game, I had to commit to the ball change in the 10th. It worked out well and I felt very confident moving forward. It’s very nice knowing I have the Rubicon and the UC2 that work well every time we bowl on this pair. That gives me a lot of confidence.”

With the win over Lavoie, Troup will eclipse Walter Ray Williams Jr.’s single-season earnings record of \$419,700, accomplished during the 2002-03 season. Troup currently sits at \$369,200 this season and will add either \$100,000 for a Kia PBA Playoffs win or \$60,000 for a runner-up finish.

“I’m pretty speechless as far as that goes,” said Troup. “To beat another major champion in the round of four and then to beat a record holder, the greatest of all time, is an honor.”

Cooley, who eliminated Jesper Svensson in the Round of 16 and Tom Daugherty in the quarterfinals, both via tie-breaking roll-offs, didn’t need a roll-off in the semifinals, winning both games over Azcona. After a 264-243 win in game one, the lanes appeared to get tricky for both players in game two.

“In the third frame when I six-pinned, I hit up on it a little bit too much and it instantly hooked,” said Cooley. “I made a move the next time I got there and the ball never hooked. It never hit the strip where we’d broken it down. I moved back to where I was and threw it a little bit firmer.”

Cooley clinched his trip to the championship match with a strike in the 10th frame.

“I was able to get away with one the next time I was on the right lane,” said Cooley. “I tripped the 7-9 back, but then I pured it in the 10th to seal it. It’s a pretty good feeling going into tomorrow.”

ROUND OF 16 RESULTS (SATURDAY, APR. 24 ON FS1)

Bowlero Milford, Milford, Conn.

No. 1 Kyle Troup def. No. 16 Andrew Anderson, 2-1

Game 1 – Troup def. Anderson, 234-233

Game 2 – Anderson def. Troup, 225-212

Roll-off – Troup def. Anderson, 58-26

No. 9 Thomas Larsen def. No. 8 Anthony Simonsen, 2-0

Game 1 – Larsen def. Simonsen, 244-238

Game 2 – Larsen def. Simonsen, 279-224

ROUND OF 16 RESULTS (SUNDAY, APR. 25 ON FS1)

No. 4 François Lavoie def. No. 13 Dick Allen, 2-1

Game 1 – Lavoie def. Allen, 266-185

Game 2 – Allen def. Lavoie, 258-238

Roll-off – Lavoie def. Allen, 59-50

No. 12 Bill O’Neill def. No. 5 Jakob Butturff, 2-1

Game 1 – Butturff def. O’Neill, 257-193

Game 2 – O’Neill def. Butturff, 227-222

Roll-off – O’Neill def. Butturff, 49-39

ROUND OF 16 RESULTS (SATURDAY, MAY 1 ON FS1)

No. 15 Cristian Azcona def. No. 2 Chris Via, 2-0

Game 1 – Azcona def. Via, 258-226

Game 2 – Azcona def. Via, 238-215

No. 10 EJ Tackett def. No. 7 Kris Prather, 2-1

Game 1 – Tackett def. Prather, 267-170

Game 2 – Prather def. Tackett, 205-188

Roll-off – Tackett def. Prather, 38-26

ROUND OF 16 (SUNDAY, MAY 2 ON FS1)

No. 3 Tom Daugherty def. No. 14 Jason Sterner, 2-1

Game 1 – Daugherty def. Sterner, 245-204

Game 2 – Sterner def. Daugherty, 225-213

Roll-off – Daugherty def. Sterner, 39-39 (10-9)

No. 11 Sam Cooley def. No. 6 Jesper Svensson, 2-1

Game 1 – Svensson def. Cooley, 268-248

Game 2 – Cooley def. Svensson, 223-223 (9-9, 10-9)

Roll-off – Cooley def. Svensson, 35-16

QUARTERFINALS (SUNDAY, MAY 9 ON FS1)

No. 1 Kyle Troup def. No. 9 Thomas Larsen, 2-0

Game 1 – Troup def. Larsen, 260-204

Game 2 – Troup def. Larsen, 239-199



AZCONA, COOLEY WIN ROLL-OFFS TO ADVANCE TO KIA PBA PLAYOFFS SEMIFINALS

Cristian Azcona edges EJ Tackett, Sam Cooley knocks out Tom Daugherty

by Jef Goodger

MILFORD, Conn.—No. 15 seed Cristian Azcona and No. 11 seed Sam Cooley both overcame game-one losses to force and win tie-breaking roll-offs and advance to the Kia PBA Playoffs semifinals. Azcona eliminated 10th-seeded EJ Tackett and Cooley upset No. 3 seed Tom Daugherty. Azcona and Cooley will face each other in the semifinals.

In a race-to-two-points format, each game is worth one point. If the players are tied after two games, a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off decides the winner of the match.

After dropping game one to Tackett, Azcona put up seven strikes in the second game on his way to a 240-214 win to necessitate a roll-off. Azcona began the roll-off with a strike, which Tackett matched. Tackett finished first, striking in the 10th and then leaving a 4-8. Taking just the 4 pin on his spare attempt, Tackett finished with a score of 47, forcing Azcona to strike and get nine pins to win. That’s exactly what Azcona did, advancing to the semifinals.

Likewise, Cooley lost the first game to Daugherty but tied the match with a victory in game two. Despite trailing early in the second game, Cooley strung five consecutive strikes in the middle of the game to overtake Daugherty for a 236-218 win.

As the higher seed, Daugherty elected to bowl first in the roll-off, starting with a spare. Cooley posted a score of 37, requiring Daugherty to roll nine, spare, nine to win. Instead, Daugherty left the 2-4-10 split and failed to convert, leaving Cooley with a 37-26 victory and the final spot in the semifinals.

The winner of the PBA Playoffs will receive a PBA Tour title, \$100,000 and an official WWE championship title belt.

No. 4 François Lavoie vs. No. 12 Bill O’Neill

Game 1 – O’Neill def. Lavoie, 190-182

Game 2 – Lavoie def. O’Neill, 217-188

Roll-off – Lavoie def. O’Neill, 46-40

QUARTERFINALS (MONDAY, MAY 10 ON FS1)

No. 15 Cristian Azcona def. No. 10 EJ Tackett, 2-1

Game 1 – Tackett def. Azcona, 257-213

Game 2 – Azcona def. Tackett, 240-214

Roll-off – Azcona def. Tackett, 49-47

No. 11 Sam Cooley def. No. 3 Tom Daugherty

Game 1 – Daugherty def. Cooley, 226-209

Game 2 – Cooley def. Daugherty, 236-218

Roll-off – Cooley def. Daugherty, 37-26

SEMIFINALS (SATURDAY, MAY 15 ON FS1)

No. 1 Kyle Troup def. No. 4 François Lavoie, 2-0

Game 1 – Troup def. Lavoie, 248-237

Game 2 – Troup def. Lavoie, 259-224

No. 11 Sam Cooley def. No. 15 Cristian Azcona

Game 1 – Cooley def. Azcona, 264-243

Game 2 – Cooley def. Azcona, 232-219

KIA PBA PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP (SUNDAY, MAY 16 ON FOX)

No. 1 Kyle Troup def. No. 11 Sam Cooley, 3-1

Game 1 – Troup def. Cooley, 235-206

Game 2 – Cooley def. Troup, 300-248

Game 3 – Troup def. Cooley, 223-210

Game 4 – Troup def. Cooley, 221-209

Troup earns \$100,000, Cooley earns \$70,000 (\$60,000 for finishing second and \$10,000 for bowling a perfect game).

PBA Playoffs

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missed 9 pin in the sixth. “I was frustrated about the bad break,” said Troup of missing the 9 pin. “I flagged it. I had to get myself refocused. Once I did that, I was okay.”Troup doubled in the 10th to clinch game three and take a 2-1 lead entering the fourth game.

“I felt like I bowled a fantastic game four,” said Troup. “The lanes were just toast. They were ugly.”

Troup struck on his first shot in the 10th frame of game four, then left an 8-10 split on his next shot, needing one pin to clinch the victory. Troup took down the 8 pin and immediately hoisted the WWE championship title belt.

“I wanted to pick this belt up, give the Ric Flair ‘Wooo,’ and bring the belt back home,” said Troup. “I know I have a lot of fans back home rooting me on and people around the world. It’s so special to get this win.”

Perhaps making it more special is Troup’s eighth career title ties him with his father, Guppy, who was in attendance for all of Kyle’s Playoffs victories, in all-time Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour titles. “I caught up to him,” said Kyle Troup, adding, “I’m thinking I’m getting to nine a lot faster than he is.”

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2021 PBA KING OF THE LANES: EMPRESS EDITION

PBA Heading Back To Portland, Maine, For King Of The Lanes Events

The PBA is officially heading back to Portland, Maine, for not one, but two special PBA King of the Lanes events

by Jill Laufer

PORTLAND, Maine – After a year and a half away from beloved Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, the Professional Bowlers Association is officially heading back to the famed center for not one, but two special PBA King of the Lanes events, the first 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour events with fans in attendance.

“The PBA is thrilled to be returning to Bayside Bowl and to welcome back our loyal fans for the first time since March 2020,” said Colie Edison, CEO of the PBA. “We are grateful for Bayside Bowl’s long-time support and anyone who has been there or watched a telecast filmed there knows the BoPo crowd embodies the spirit and energy of the PBA fan base. We can’t wait to bring the exciting format of the PBA King of the Lanes series to such a deserving audience.”

The event series kicks off with the all-new PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition, featuring the world’s top professional female bowlers. This new installment of the fan-favorite event will be a five-part series airing in primetime on Tuesday, June 15, and Wednesday, June 16 on FS1 (U.S.) and FloBowling (international).

The series will see a powerhouse field of women competing in head-to-head matches to determine an “Empress” of each show. Each Empress will defend her crown throughout the series but will have competition from two new contenders looking to take the throne.

Kelly Kulick, the first woman to win a PBA Tour title and the only woman to win a PBA Tour major title, will start as the first Empress and face competition from ten PWBA pros who are ready to capture the crown. Amongst the competitors are Hall of Famers, major champions and international superstars.

The five-part PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition series will air live on FS1 (U.S.) and FloBowling (international) is as follows:

- Tuesday, June 15 – 8-9 p.m. ET**
Contenders Match: Clara Guerrero vs. Daria Pajak
Empress Match 1: Kelly Kulick vs. Contenders Winner

Tuesday, June 15 – 9-10 p.m. ET
Contenders Match: Danielle McEwan vs. Maria Rodriguez
Empress Match 2: Winner from Empress 1 vs. Contenders Winner

Tuesday, June 15 – 10-11 p.m. ET
Contenders Match: Missy Parkin vs. Diana Zavjalova
Empress Match 3: Winner from Empress 2 vs. Contenders Winner

Wednesday, June 16 – 8-9 p.m. ET
Contenders Match: Liz Johnson vs. Ashly Galante
Empress Match 4: Winner from Empress 3 vs. Contenders Winner

Wednesday, June 16 – 9-10 p.m. ET
Contenders Match: Stefanie Johnson vs. Verity Crawley
Empress Match 5: Winner from Empress 4 vs. Contenders Winner

Just three days after the final Empress is crowned, the men will have their turn to try and dethrone Kris Prather, reigning king from last summer’s PBA King of the Lanes series.

The five-part 2021 PBA King of the Lanes will feature PBA pros from Hall of Famers to the tour’s current stars, plus Portland Lumberjacks very own team manager, Tim Mack competing live on Saturday, June 19, and Sunday, June 20 on FS1 (U.S.) and FloBowling (international).

The five-part PBA King of the Lanes series will air live on FS1 (U.S.) and FloBowling (international) is as follows:

- Saturday, June 19 – 2-3 p.m. ET**
Contenders Match: Chris Barnes vs. AJ Johnson
King Match 1: Kris Prather vs. Contenders Winner

Saturday, June 19 – 3-4 p.m. ET
Contenders Match: Jesper Svensson vs. Parker Bohn III
King Match 2: Winner from King 1 vs. Contenders Winner

Saturday, June 19 – 4-5 p.m. ET
Contenders Match: Chris Via vs. Anthony Neuer
King Match 3: Winner from King 2 vs. Contenders Winner

Sunday, June 20 – 2-3 p.m. ET
Contenders Match: Tim Mack vs. Jason Sterner
King Match 4: Winner from King 3 vs. Contenders Winner

Sunday, June 20 – 3-4 p.m. ET
Contenders Match: Tom Daugherty vs. Francois Lavoie
King Match 5: Winner from King 4 vs. Contenders Winner

Viewers can live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. International fans can watch live on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).





Stephanie Zavala Speaks Out About Her First Win On The PWBA

From Her Facebook Post

Today has been an absolute dream come true. After 25 games, I can officially say I'm a PWBA champion! The last two days have been nothing short of amazing. The long hours on the lanes practicing for this moment have finally paid off.

A Huge Thank You goes out to 900 Global for providing me with the absolute best balls on the market. The honey badger intensity did that dang thing! All but two frames were thrown with it. To Matt and Shawn, thank you so much for all your help this weekend! Staying ahead of the moves was easy with you guys in my corner.

To my parents, Armando Zavala & Estela Zavala thank you for believing in me and always pushing me to be my absolute best. From driving me to practice and league when I was younger, picking me up when I was down after a rough day, to supporting me as I chase my dreams. This is all possible because you guys are behind me every step of the way.

To the RADDEST guy I know, Chris, I couldn't have done it without you. From the super long practices, drilling & cleaning my stuff week in and out, setting me up for greatness, and so much more. I appreciate you. Keeping my head on straight was easy with all the calls, texts, and FaceTime's whenever I needed them.

To everyone else who has supported me from the very beginning, I truly appreciate all the support. My phone has not stopped, and I promise to reply to everyone! Anna, Pinel, Matt, and so many others, you guys are the freaking best!

To the proprietors here at Yorktown Lanes, the hospitality was next level. Special thank you to all of you and Maria José for getting my mom inside so she can watch!



MOTHER'S DAY MEMORABLE FOR JAKOB BUTTURFF

by DDZIOMBA

PUYALLUP, Wash. – Mother's Day is a special day for the PBA to celebrate the mother figures in their life, and Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., did just that by winning the PBA Fix Auto @ Daffodil Bowl Open for his 27th PBA Regional Title. An emotional Butturff, fought hard all day and was determined to win in honor of his late mother, who lost her battle with cancer just five months ago.

In the three-player stepladder final, four-time PBA Tour champion Marshall Kent faced off against Northwest player Eddy Smith of Stanwood, Wash. in the first match. Kent took an early lead, but Smith fought back with a clutch turkey at the end of the game, forcing Kent to fill 19 in the tenth frame to win. Kent's first shot resulted in a 3-6-10 spare and couldn't convert, losing to Smith 201-189. Smith advanced to the title match against Butturff, who started with an early six bagger to take a commanding lead. Butturff dominated Smith, winning 258-178 and a title he'll hold close to his heart. The PBA Fix Auto @ Daffodil Bowl Open featured a field of 48 players. The Northwest Region's next event will be Memorial Day weekend in Lebanon, Oregon for a double header at Linn Lanes.

PBA Fix Auto @ Daffodil Bowl Puyallup, Washington

Step Ladder Results

Semi Final: Smith def. Kent 201-189

Final Match: Butturff def. Smith 258-178

Final Match Play Standings

(20 games, including match play bonus pins):

Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. 227.10 4,812 \$2,000

Marshall Kent, Las Vegas 219.25 4,625 \$1,000

Eddy Smith, Stanwood, Wash. 219.55 4,586 \$1,250

Michael Fitzgerald, Phoenix, Ariz. 216.25 4,565 \$900

(N) Jacob Mullen, Bellingham, Wash. 215.25 4,485 \$800

Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 215.05 4,481 \$750

(N) Camerson Weier, Seattle, Wash. 211.05 4,401 \$725

(N) Scott Halverson, Bonney Lake, Wash 208.15 4,343 \$700

Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles 211.75 4,340 \$675

Michael Kennedy, Bonney Lake, Wash. 206.60 4,282 \$650

Tanner Acosta, Lebanon, Ore. 203 4,180 \$625

(N) AJ Brockett, Auburn, Wash. 191.65 3,953 \$600

N-denotes non-PBA member



CHAMPION DICK ALLEN WINS PBA BRIGHTON CONSTRUCTION MYRTLE BEACH OPEN

by DDZIOMBA

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., defeated Mike Coffey of Melbourne, Fla., 212-190, to win the PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach Open for his 27th PBA Regional title on Sunday at Myrtle Beach Bowl. Allen qualified in the number one position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 15-game total of 3,686 pins, 111 pins ahead of n-Josh Johnson of Callahan, Fla., with 3,575. In third was Kristijonas Sergejevas of Lithuania 3,511 followed by Mike Coffey in fourth with 3,482.

In the opening match, Coffey defeated Sergejevas 183-171, then disposed of Johnson 253-229 to advance to the Championship title match.

In the title match, Allen started with a double-open-double, while Coffey had spare-double-open. The match was close and came down to the tenth frame where Coffey split and opened. Allen doubled to secure the win and the \$4,600 first-place prize.

Coffey pocketed \$2400 for second, Johnson \$1600, and Sergejevas earned \$1400 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA Sandhills Aberdeen Open on June 4-6th at Sand Hills Bowling Center in Aberdeen, N.C.

PBA BRIGHTON CONSTRUCTION MYRTLE BEACH OPEN

Myrtle Beach Bowl, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Sunday Final Standings:

Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$4,600.

Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., \$2,400.

n-Josh Johnson, Callahan, Fla., \$1,600.

Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lithuania, \$1,400.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Coffey def. Sergejevas, 183-171.

Semifinal – Coffey def. Johnson, 253-229.

Championship – Allen def. Coffey, 212-190.

Final Qualifying Standings

(after 15 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

Dick Allen, 3,686.

n- Mike Johnson, 3,575.

Kristijonas Sergejevas, 3,511.

Josh Coffey, 3,482.

Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 3,442, \$1,200.

Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 3,424, \$1,100.

Jason Duran, Littleton, Co., 3,413, \$1,050.

n-Nathaniel Potter, Morristown, Tenn., 3,309, \$1,000.

Matt Taylor, Zebulon, N.C., 2,937, \$950.

n-Ethan McDonald, Coats, N.C., 2,934, \$900.

Nate Garcia, Riverview, Fla., 2,893, \$875.

Roscoe Pretlow, Chesapeake, Va., 2,872, \$850.

Matthew Staninger, Charlotte, N.C., 2,871, \$825.

Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 2,862, \$800.

Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,793, \$775.

Colin Champion, Spring Hill, Fla., 2,773, \$750.

300 Games: Hernan Ramirez, Kelly Lake, Carlos Granados, Mike Coffey.

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of a delegate to a pacifist’s convention, and that I had no interest in defending my record against one of the greatest bowlers that the world has ever known, we became fast friends in a relationship of mutual admiration that has continued to this day.

During that week I was welcomed into the Weber household and experienced midwestern hospitality on more than one occasion with home cooked meals and a visit to the famous trophy room that housed all of the Weber’s bowling memorabilia. Dick also made it clear to a couple of his sons, Pete and John, that my association with them could be beneficial once the bowling center transaction was complete.

He was right! John became a Bowling Activities Representative for the midwestern region of AMF Bowling Centers, a position that he would hold for a couple of years before deciding to accept a position with the PBA; and Pete became one of the most sought-after professional keglers for exhibitions on the AMF Staff of Champions - second only to his father in popularity.

My fondest memory of Pete’s celebrity appearances took place at AMF Anderson Bowl, in Anderson, South Carolina. While Dick Weber was by far the most polished of the AMF staff of bowlers and clinicians, I found myself booking Pete more and more often because of his flamboyant style and tournament performances. In view of the fact that Pete was very comfortable with match play competition, we came up with a doubles competition that he enjoyed, as opposed to the normal bowling clinic format.

Under the unique format that was first introduced by manager Mike O’Barr of Anderson Bowl, the team of Pete Weber and Dave Williams was pitted against many of the top flight bowlers in the area, as well as local television and radio personalities. One team that did not stand out at the time, but that eventually won the competition, was the team of J.D. Hayworth and Mike Seidel of WYFF-TV Channel 4 in nearby Greenville, South Carolina.

You might recognize those names... J.D. Hayworth went on to a successful career in the United States Congress as a representative from Arizona, and for many years hosted a show on Newsmax-TV called *Newsmax Prime*. Not to be outdone, Mike Seidel has been your voice for extreme weather reports on *The Weather Channel* for almost 30 years. Now, you might be wondering how this team of amateurs could ever beat the formidable team of Weber & Williams in a match without any handicap?

There’s a couple of reasons that Pete and I received a particularly polished pasting at the hands of Hayworth &


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Seidel. You see, the night before the event, O’Barr and his staff screened and coated the wooden lanes and installed new “flat-bottom” pins. Needless to say, the scores rolled were substantially below expectations, but in spite of that embarrassing moment, Pete and I both carried on with a bowling segment that followed the celebrity bowl-off.

And now, after 42 years on the PBA Tour, Pete is calling it quits. However, he will still be around for the PBA50 Senior Tour, and some of the regional events hosted by the PBA. In an emotional interview on *FloBowling* earlier this year, Pete Weber was philosophical and characteristically candid when he stated, “Whether you hated me, or you loved me - you watched, and I love you all.” Watch that interview here, with Pete and Jason Belmonte:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0rgvdPV-t0>

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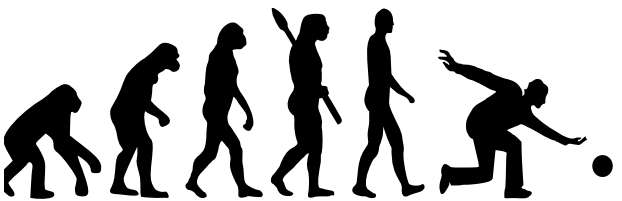
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tinued to roll. He started off with a spare followed by eight straight strikes en route to the 257-204 win to meet Marsala in the title match.

“This is the completion of a whole dream we had and after tonight, I hope the whole world knows about my dad, Bud,” Bill Moore said. “John is a great friend and he bowled awesome. This event is just a stepping stone, and we hope to get to pull it off again next year.”

Marsala plans to compete in the rest of the PBA50 tournaments this season now that he is in the point race and conversation for Player of the Year.

“I came out here to win and I’ve proven I can do it,” he said.



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Current 2021 PWBA Tour Leaders

by Frank Weiler

The 2021 PWBA Tour season is underway, and six champions have been crowned. There have been many exciting highlights including Liz Johnson rolling a perfect 300 game during the BOWL-TV step ladder finals at the Lincoln Open. That perfecto earned Liz a \$10,000 bonus and placed her atop this season’s Earnings List.

Dasha Kovalova has been the most consistent player on Tour for the first six tournaments this season, leading up to the Queens Tournament. She ranks first in Points, Championship Round Appearances and Cashes. She ranks second in Earnings and Match Play Appearances. That’s first or second on five of the six PWBA Tour Leader Lists.

Our top CALIFORNIA Tour players, Missy Parkin and Stephanie Zavala, are doing well ranking high on most PWBA Tour Leader Lists.

The TOP THREE bowlers on each PWBA Tour Leader		
EARNINGS		
1.	Liz Johnson	\$27,900
2.	Dasha Kovalova	19,975
3.	Bryanna Cote	19,350
POINTS		
1.	Dasha Kovalova	49,975
2.	Bryanna Cote	41,140
3.	Liz Johnson	39,810
AVERAGE		
1.	Jodi Woessner	226.83
2.	Haley Richard	223.17
3.	Birgit Noreiks	220.27
CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND APPEARANCES		
1.	Dasha Kovalova	3
1.	Erin McCarthy	3
3	Liz Johnson	2
	Bryanna Cote	2
	Missy Parkin	2
	Danielle McEwan	2
	Kelly Kulick	2



Dasha Kovalova

MATCH PLAY APPEARANCES		
1.	Shannon O’Keefe	5
2.	Dasha Kovalova	4
	Liz Johnson	
	Lindsay Boomershine	
	Maria Jose Rodriguez	
	Stephanie Johnson	
CASHES		
1.	Dasha Kovalova	6
	Julia Bond	6
	Lindsay Boomershine	6
	Stephanie Johnson	6
	Maria Jose Rodriguez	6
	Taylor Bulthuis	6
	Abby Ragsdale	6

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Carol's Corner

by Carol Mancini
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I finally got the vaccine!

Oregon is still recovering from last August fires, so some projects come first. Finding housing, jobs, food, etc. for 6000 homeless is ongoing. Vaccine shots are now available along with free food and clothes.

We will know life is back to normal when our bowling centers are open, leagues are formed, and we can order a pizza for the team!

What else are you looking forward to doing?

- Burning your masks?
- Going to a movie?
- Visiting friends and relatives?
- Feeding a machine at a casino?
- Rooting for the Angels from a box seat?
- A vacation to almost anywhere?

I want my stationary bike to take wings and head to Disneyland!

Breaking news... There is a shortage of chickens in the USA! Sell KFC stock!

Get the Bowling Centers Open! I’m running out of chit chat (mostly chit)

Always happy to hear from you! Share your happy thoughts to CarolMancini83@iCloud.com

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