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Tom Hess Claims 2021 Senior U.S. Open For First PBA50 Title

by Johnny Campos

Tom Hess made his first PBA50 title a major effort on Tuesday night.

After earning the top seed for the stepladder finals, Hess blew past fellow PBA50 rookie Chris Barnes, 256-209, in the title match to claim the PBA50 Senior U.S. Open championship at Harvest Park Bowl.

Barnes, a PBA and USBC Hall of Famer, was going for his second win this season, and is in position to win both PBA50 Player of the Year and PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors.

But Hess, 51, is also in the thick of the race for both honors with his second career major title. The Granger, Iowa right-hander, also won the 2011 USBC Masters on the national tour.

“Words can’t express how I feel right now,” Hess said. “This makes me a two-time national titlist – and they’re both majors. One of them is on the senior tour, but it’s not easy to win out here. The tour is full of Hall of Famers, and I stepped up and did my job. No longer am I a one-hit wonder.”

Hess opened the title match with three straight strikes before leaving a 10-pin in the fourth.

Barnes, who had a couple of close calls in the early stepladder matches, stayed close with a spare in the first followed by a three-bagger. But then he suffered back-to-back opens, leaving the 4-6-7 split in the fifth and the 1-2-4-10 washout in the sixth.



Senior U.S. Open Champion Tom Hess

Hess answered with a five-bagger to all but put the match away.

“I knew that if I went and bowled up to my capabilities, I was going to win,” Hess said. “Chris is a Hall of Famer, and I knew it was going to be a close match. I just tried to stay present and stay focused.”

“If I went through my process, the results were going to be there. I was able to get up there and throw 10 really, really good shots and came away with the win.”

Hess led the tournament after two rounds of match play, going 11-5 and averaging almost 226 for the 32 games. He

finished just 16 pins ahead of Amleto Monacelli (who is also in the PBA and USBC Halls of Fame) of Venezuela, the No. 2 seed.

The two bowlers ran away from the rest of the finalists, finishing more than 300 pins ahead of No. 3 seed Chris Warren of Grants Pass., Ore.

Barnes and Rolando Sebelen of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, actually tied for the fourth spot in the stepladder. Barnes won a one-ball rolloff to break the tie and then eliminated Sebelen, 215-188.

Warren, a six-time winner on the PBA Tour, opened with three strikes against Barnes, but faltered in the end. Warren could have won the match going in to the 10th frame, but got a 7-count on his first ball to hand Barnes a 187-186 decision.

Monacelli, who led after the first and third rounds, opened the semifinal match with five straight strikes. But he whiffed a 7-pin midway through the game. Barnes struck out in the 10th to shut him out and won the match, 237-222. After winning the title and a \$10,000 check, Hess got emotional when he was addressing the crowd.

“I get all the joy when things go good, and my wife (Sue) gets all the heartaches when things are going bad,” he said. “For her not to be here, that’s part of getting choked up. I couldn’t walk up there and give her a hug.”

“Winning the Masters was a dream come true. This is just adding to that dream.”

ROY BUCKLEY, PBA HALL OF FAMER, DIES AT AGE 77

by Johnny Campos

PBA Hall of Fame bowler Roy Buckley of Westerville, Ohio, died late Saturday night at the age of 77.

He had been suffering from stage 4 lung cancer.

Buckley’s death comes on the heels of the loss of another PBA Hall of Famer, Harry “Tiger” Smith, who died last month.

Buckley won seven PBA titles in his career, and was a full-time pro from 1970-82. He made 17 career telecasts and won his last title on the national tour in 1981, when he beat Earl



Roy Buckley & Johnny Petraglia

Anthony to win the Buffalo Open.

Buckley, who finished

with career earnings of about \$650,000, was in-continued on page 6

USA BOWLING REGIONAL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR 2021-2022 SEASON

by Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, TX –Youth athletes ready for team competition and the opportunity to advance to the USA Bowling National Championships can register for upcoming regional tournaments for the 2021-2022 season.

The 16-event regional schedule for the USA Bowling program will get underway in October, with the first event being held in the Southeast region at Buffaloe Lanes North in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Oct. 16-17.

Teams competing in the 12-and-under (U12) and 15-and-under (U15) divisions continued on page 5



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It Must Have Been Fate

by Dave Williams

The Oxford Language Dictionary defines fate as follows: “The development of events beyond a person’s control, regarded as determined by a supernatural power.” There’s just no other way to explain my comparison last week of this year’s winner in the New Mexico Open, Dylan Taylor, with the legendary Harry Smith, who passed away in August at the age of 91.

After I had completed the editorial on Thursday, comparing the unorthodox styles of Taylor and Smith, I sent a copy to Steve Mackie, the tournament host at Tenpins & More in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, for his review. I was almost apologetic in my presentation, and yet felt so strongly that the consideration between their styles be emphasized.

Once I heard back from Steve and we made a couple of numerical changes, I returned to the internet on Saturday to make sure that my sources were correct before submitting the article. That’s when I noticed the article on the PBA website that had been posted earlier that day, announcing the death of Harry Smith.

As I reviewed the article from Johnny Campos at PBA.com, it was good to see all of the comments from current and former PBA employees, where Harry served as the assistant tournament director from 1977 to 1988. Unfortunately, his employment with the PBA curtailed his tournament participation during those years.

“Harry’s death hasn’t sunk in yet,” said long time PBA Player Services Director Larry Lichstein. “But my feelings are very simple: From 1957 and into the early 1960’s, it was Carter, Weber and Smith. That was it. They were the three best bowlers in the world.” That statement was backed up by an article that I found on line from a 1963 Sports Illustrated issue: “A Guy Named Smith Is Striking It Rich.”

The Sports Illustrated article goes on to say, “Professional bowler Harry Smith stands to bank as much money this year as Sandy Koufax and Y.A. Tittle, *combined*.” Koufax was the MVP and Cy Young Award winner in professional baseball that year and made \$35,000. Tittle, who had been discarded by the San Francisco 49ers, returned as a New York Giant, and in 1963, at the age of 37, set a touchdown passing record that stood until 1984. His salary was even less than Koufax that year.

Harry Smith earned \$36,962 on the PBA tour alone in 1963, but according to the S.I. article, he had several sources of income, including a \$20,000 per year salary as the local pro at Johnny Unitas’ Colt Lanes in Baltimore. With prizes, salaries, endorsements and television bowling show appearances, Mr. Smith’s estimated income was projected to be in excess of \$75,000 (adjusted for inflation, that would be more than \$645,000 in 2021).

“He had an emotional, high energy game,” said his friend and bowling coach Fred Borden, in an article penned by Mark Price in the Akron Beacon Journal. “He was the first real power player in bowling. He’d hit the pocket light and the pins would explode.”

As a youth bowler growing up in California, I remember copying the styles of all the top pros with my friends during our free shadow bowling sessions at L & L Lanes. Ray Bluth and Harry Smith were our favorites... Bluth for his unusual corkscrew stance, peering over the top of the ball; and Smith for his crank shot, followed by “running out” every delivery across the approach area of the lanes.



Falstaff Beer, ABC Classic Team Champions -- Harry Smith is joined by 3 Californians at the 1964 tournament in Oakland, California (l-r): Andy Marzich of San Pedro; Billy Welu; Jim St. John of San Jose; Dick Hoover; Smith (kneeling); and Glenn Allison of Whittier. Photo provided by bowlinghistory.wordpress.com.



Columbia Titeline, ABC Classic Team Individual Game Record -- Harry Smith is joined by 3 different Californians at the 1968 tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio (l-r): Billy Hardwick of San Mateo; Jim Godman of Hayward; Norm Meyers of Los Angeles; Smith; and Mike Limongello. Photo provided by bowlinghistory.wordpress.com.

the consideration between their styles be emphasized.

When I watched Dylan Taylor’s delivery from the New Mexico Open tournament, the first bowler that I thought of that walked left and turned his body sideways was Harry Smith. Although Smith didn’t begin his approach in a perpendicular fashion like Taylor, he did have an unusual circular motion that he would make with the ball while rocking back and forth on one foot and then the other... like he was starting up a lawnmower!

Harry Smith will certainly not be forgotten any time soon. We will have the likes of Dylan Taylor and Jason Belmonte (who also walks left and turns his body sideways) to remind us of the very first power player that came upon the scene more than 70 years ago — Harry “Tiger” Smith.

Finally, I have provided a link to a video from Bowlers Gazette that contains interviews from five professional bowlers in 1983, the 25th Anniversary of the PBA. In addition to Harry Smith, there are interviews from Mark Roth, Jay Robinson, Mike Durbin and Sam Zurich. It’s fascinating to view their dedication, and also their frustration, primarily from all of the travel that was a part of the PBA Tour in those years. You can find the video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUJckUdn6Fs>

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PBA JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGIONAL QUALIFIERS RESULTS

20 youth bowlers, top two boys and two girls from five regional qualifiers to advance to PBA Jr. National Championship

by Jill Laufer

NEW YORK, NY – The top youth bowlers from around the country hit the lanes Labor Day weekend to compete in the PBA’s prestigious youth competition – the PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Qualifiers, the first-part of the PBA Jr. National Championship.

The Regional Qualifiers took place at four Bowlero locations in the United States on Sep. 4-6. Each regional featured the same format for the boys’ and girls’ divisions – two squads of six-game qualifying rounds, followed by four qualifying games for the top 50 percent of players. After 10 games, the top 12 players in each division advanced to match play for six final games. The top finishers were determined by total pinfall.

The long-running Parker Bohn III Scholarship Tournament (PB3) served as an additional qualifier for the East Region. The top two boys and girls in the PB3 event automatically secured a spot in the PBA Jr. National Championship.

The youth bowlers brought their A-game, but several athletes stood out in each region including 17-year-old, Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio. Martin, the first-ever PBA Jr. Girls National Champion began her title defense winning the Girls Division in the Central Region for the second year in a row.

Annalise O’Bryant of Ball Ground, Ga. who won the Girls Division in the South Region last year made it back-to-back wins capturing the top spot in the Girls Division once again. O’Bryant didn’t advance to the National Championship televised Finals in 2021 but will make a run in 2022.

The East Region Qualifier also saw repeat champions in both divisions. Victoria Varano of Stony Point, N.Y. who finished runner-up in the National Championship secured the top spot in the Girls Division and Randal Dunbar of Milford, Mass., won the top spot for the Boys Division.

Dawson Peterson of Stewartville, Minn. and Ty Carra of Lake Hiawatha, N.J. each rolled a perfect game. Petersen finished in 10th place overall in the Boys Division in the Central Region and Carra finished runner-up in the Boys Division in the East Region.

The top two boys’ and girls’ finishers per region are as follows.

Central Region – Bowlero, Wauwatosa, Wis.

Boys Regional Champion: Landin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill. – 3,609
Boys Runner-up: Alexander Horton, Doulgassville, Pa. – 3,522
Girls Regional Champion: Jillian Martin, Stow, Ohio – 3,447
Girls Runner-up: Gianna Brandolino, Channahon, Ill. – 3,288

South Region – Bowlero, Marietta, Ga.

Boys Regional Champion: Rylan Breese, Wilmington, N.C – 3,436
Boys Runner-up: Connor Breaman, Greer, S.C. – 3,393
Girls Regional Champion: Annalise O’Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga. – 3,535
Girls Runner-up: Briana Rogers, Florence, S.C. – 3,508

Southwest Region – Bowlero, Euless, Tex.

Boys Regional Champion: Zachary Smulle, Frisco, Texas – 3,601
Boys Runner-up: Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla. – 3,525
Girls Regional Champion: Paige Wagner, Great Bend, Kan. – 3,196
Girls Runner-up: Avery Domaquin, San Diego, Calif. – 3,177

West Region – Bowlero, Mesa, Ariz.

Boys Regional Champion: Kyler Orosco, Agoura Hills, Calif. – 3,539
Boys Runner-up: Noah Akiona, Waimanalo, Hawaii – 3,486
Girls Regional Champion: Katelyn Abigania, San Diego, Calif. – 3,187
Girls Runner-up: Samantha Kanehailua, Pearl City, Hawaii – 3,161

East Region (PB3) – Howell Lanes, Howell, N.J

Girls Regional Champion: Victoria Varano, Stony Point, N.Y.
Girls Runner-up: Kayla Starr, Crofton, Md.
Boys Regional Champion: Randal Dunbar, Milford, Mass.
Boys Runner-up: Ty Carra, Lake Hiawatha, N.J.

300 games: Dawson Peterson, Stewartville, Minn.; Ty Carra, Lake Hiawatha, N.J.

Scores from each Regional Qualifier are available at www.pba.com/junior/tournament-schedule#qualifier. Each regional tournament guaranteed a first-place \$2,000 SMART Scholarship. SMART scholarships were also awarded to one out of every six (1:6) entries in each division.

The top two boy and girl finishers from each Regional Qualifier will move on to the National Championship to compete for a \$16,000 SMART Scholarship, which is the largest single SMART scholarship to ever be awarded. The National Championship date will be held in conjunction with a PBA National Tour stop, to be named at a later date.

The PBA is committed to advancing the sport of bowling at every level and the PBA Jr. National Championship is one of many opportunities for PBA Jr. youth bowlers to compete with the best and earn scholarships for their future education. The PBA Jr. Club is exclusively for ages 17 and under. For additional information and to learn more, please visit pba.com/junior.

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will have the chance to qualify for the 2022 USA Bowling National Championships, which is scheduled to take place July 13-15 during the Junior Gold Championships near Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The winning team in each age-based division will earn a spot at the national event.

The schedule of USA Bowling Regional events with dates, region, center and city:

- Oct. 16-17 - Southeast, Buffalo Lanes North, Raleigh, N.C.
- Oct. 24 - Ohio Valley, Poelking Lanes South, Dayton, Ohio
- Oct. 30-31 - Atlantic East, Murfreesboro Strike & Spare, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- Nov. 6-7 - Upper Midwest, Bowlerama Lanes, Des Moines, Iowa
- Nov. 21 - Lower Great Lakes, Mike Aulby’s Arrowhead Bowl, Lafayette, Ind.
- Dec. 11-12 - Northeast, Rab’s Country Lanes, Staten Island, N.Y.
- Jan. 8-9 - Coastal South, Aloma Bowl, Winter Park, Fla.
- Jan. 22-23 - Heartland, Pheasant Lanes, Bloomington, Ill.
- Jan. 30 - Southwest, Mira Mesa Lanes, San Diego
- Feb. 12-13 - Upper Great Lakes, Concord Lanes, S. St. Paul, Minn.
- Feb. 27 - South Central, Sooner Bowling Center, Norman, Okla.
- March 6 - Pacific, Paradise Lanes, Tacoma, Wash.
- March 20 - New England, Walnut Hill Bowl, Woonsocket, R.I.
- March 27 - Mountain, King Pin Lanes, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- April 2-3 - Midwest, West Acres Bowling Center, Wichita, Kan.
- April 9-10 - South, Vestavia Bowl, Birmingham, Ala.

To register teams for a regional event, visit BOWL.com/USABowling and select Regional Tournaments.

Teams will bowl eight round-robin Baker matches to determine seeding for the double-elimination bracket at each regional competition. Bracket matches will be decided through a best-of-three Baker format, until a champion is determined in each division.

Single-day events will include both the seeding and match-play rounds. Two-day events will have the seeding round on the first day, with all teams returning on the second day for bracket play.

With team lineups during USA Bowling competition consisting of just four players, the events will feature a modified Baker format. The first two bowlers in the lineup each bowl three frames (1-5-9 and 2-6-10, respectively), while the other two team members each bowl two frames (3-7 and 4-8).

Team rosters can feature up to six players, giving each coach the opportunity to bring in substitutes during competition.

USA Bowling Regional tournaments started in 2013, building the foundation of what would lead to the inaugural USA Bowling National Championships in 2016. The national event grew from the USA Bowling program, designed as a team-based youth program to introduce the sport to children.



WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. & BOWLING PROBABILITIES

by Frank Weiler

Walter Ray Williams Jr. “probably”

Rolled more strikes than any other bowler ever

Left more ten pins than any other bowler ever

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Left fewer eight counts than any other bowler ever

Left fewer splits than any other bowler ever

Made more splits than any other bowler ever

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FOUR PBA REGIONAL TITLES AWARDED IN THE PBA SOUTH REGION’S ANNUAL FOUR-TOURNAMENT LABOR DAY SERIES

Tournaments Held in Rogersville, Tenn., Kingsport, Tenn., and Mooresville, N.C.

Four PBA Regional titles were awarded in the South Region’s annual extended Labor Day tournament series for PBA50 and PBA60 competitors. The series ended Monday with the PBA50 Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau Open at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.

PBA Hall of Famer **Tom Baker** of King, N.C., **Gregory Turner** of Temple Hills, Md.; **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio; **Dale Csuhta** of Wadsworth, Ohio, and Michael Haggitt of Springfield, Ohio, each won titles.

Baker kicked off the series by defeating Dave Martin of Chesapeake, Va., 216-161, in the final of the PBA50 Daniel Cantwell Law Offices Rogersville Open in Rogersville, Tenn., on Aug. 29. The win secured Baker’s 37th Regional title and a first-place prize of \$2,000.

Three days later in Kingsport, Tenn., Turner captured the second title of the weekend at the PBA60 Kingsport Convention Center Open at Warpath Lanes defeating Darryl Bower 216-214. Bower needed a double in the tenth to win, but left a stubborn 8-pin on his second shot. Turner’s win was his first Regional title and \$2,000 for first-place.

Kretzer and Csuhta were next, winning the PBA50/60 Mooresville Baker Doubles Open at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C. They defeated the team of Chris Keane of Cape Coral, Fla. and Dan Knowlton of Dade City, Fla., 193-189, for the title and collected \$4,200.

In the series finale, Haggitt put together three early strikes and fended off Chris Collins of Myrtle Beach, S.C. to win 188-170. Haggitt took home \$3,000 and his second PBA50 Regional title for the Mooresville win.

PBA50 tournaments are open to players ages 50 and older; PBA60 events are for players ages 60 and older.

PBA50 DANIEL CANTWELL LAW OFFICES ROGERSVILLE OPEN

East End Lanes, Rogersville, Tenn., Sunday August 29, 2021

Championship:
Tom Baker, King, N.C. (\$2,000) def. Dave Martin, Chesapeake, Va. (\$1,100), 216-161.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$900):
T. Baker def. Steve Lickliter, Beckley, W. Va., 182-179.
Martin def. Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 248-214.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$720 each):
T. Baker def. David Bowers, Knoxville, Tenn., 619-502.
Martin def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 657-635.
Thomsen def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 702-641.
Lickliter def. Dave Davison, Monessen, Pa., 656-644.

Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$625 each):
McMahan def. Mike Byers, Charleston, S.C., 573-490.
T. Baker def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 718-607.
Lickliter def. Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W. Va., 702-639.
Bellinger def. W.R. Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 706-627.

Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):
Byers def. Michael Painter, Moore, S.C., 664-657.
Bellinger def. Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 597-570.
Toney def. Tommy Reeves, Gastonia, N.C., 625-568.
S. Baker def. Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 635 (10) – 635(6).

PBA60 KINGSFORT CONVENTION CENTER & BLUE RIDGE PROPERTIES OPEN

Warpath Lanes, Kingsport, Tenn., Wed. Sept. 3, 2021

Final Standings: 1, Gregory Turner, Temple Hills, Md., \$2,000. 2, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., \$1,100. 3, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, \$1,000. 4, Dave Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, \$900.

Stepladder Results:
Game 1: Bower def. Johnson, 234-227.
Semifinal: Bower def. Csuhta, 225-216.
Championship: Turner def. Bower, 216-214.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 16 games):

Turner, 3,899.
Csuhta, 3,823.
Bower, 3,782.
Johnson, 3,768.
Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,743, \$825
Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,687, \$750.
Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 3,581, \$700.
Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,580, \$675.
300 Games: Ken Shealy, Darryl Bower, Greg McMahan, Brian Gottry.



PBA50/60 MOORESVILLE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU BAKER DOUBLES
Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Saturday Sept. 4, 2021

Final Standings:
Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio/Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, \$4200.
Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla./Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., \$2,400.
Donald Hogue, Akron, Oh./Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, \$2000.
Chuck Richey Jr., Concord, N.C./Charley Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., \$1,800.

Stepladder Results:
Match One – Hogue/Profitt def. Richey/Toney, 194-161.
Semifinal – Kretzer/Csuhta def. Hogue/Profitt, 223-210.
Championship – Kretzer/Csuhta def. Knowlton/Keane, 193-189.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 20 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):
Knowlton/Keane, 4,133.
Kretzer/Csuhta, 4,093.
Richey/Toney, 4,054.
Hogue/Profitt, 4,034.
Glenn Smith, New York, N.Y./Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,985, \$1,600.
Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile, Mich./James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,957, \$1400.
Dick Gran, Bradenton, Fla./Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3,949, \$1,300.
Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del./Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 3,915, \$1,200.

PBA50 MOORESVILLE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU OPEN

Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Monday Sept. 6, 2021

Championship:
Mike Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio (\$3,000) def. Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., (\$1,600), 188-170.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,100):
Haggitt def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 198-166.
Collins def. Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 244-190.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$900 each):
Johnson def. Michael Painter, Moore, S.C., 632-591.
Collins def. Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 714-666.
Haggitt def. Joseph Boothe, Belvedere, S.C., 585-497.
Kretzer def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 659-262(injury).

Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$725 each):
S. Baker def. Keith Kolozsi, Conway, S.C., 614-546.
Haggitt def. Mike Preston, Gainesville, Fla., 591-545.
Graham def. Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 663-528.
Johnson def. Donald Hogue, Akron, Ohio, 643-636.

Round of 16 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$625 each):
Kolozsi def. Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile, Mich., 579-496.
Haggitt def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 669-649.
Graham def. Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 641-581.
Johnson def. Justin Lewis, Knoxville, Tenn., 703-592.

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ducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1992 for superior performance.
He also won a pair of team titles in the American Bowling Congress Tournament (now USBC Open Championships) in 1975 and 1976 on the Munsingwear No. 2 team, along with teammates Barry Asher, Nelson Burton Jr., Bud Horn and Norm Meyers.
Buckley grew up in the Columbus, Ohio area, and was inducted into the Ohio State USBC Hall of Fame in 1988.
He was known for being a steady casher on the PBA Tour. Between the years of 1971 and 1978, the only two bowlers to earn at least \$30,000 were Buckley and Anthony.
“We knew it was in bad shape, but I didn’t know it was going to be that quick,” said Johnny Petraglia, who has talked to Buckley about a week ago. “He was such a good friend for so many years when I went on the tour and started the tour, especially because my wife, Pat, and Alice (Buckley’s wife) hung out with them a lot. It’s heartbreaking.”
There have been no plans for services made by his family at this time.

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