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"Who do you think you are I am." --Pete Weber After winning his fifth US Open in 2012.



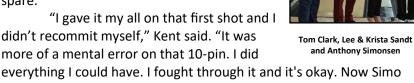
Messenger: PBA Tour Finals

Anthony Simonsen won his fifteenth tour title by defeating Marshall Kent in a two frame roll-off, 40-38. Throughout the PBA Tour Finals, the players who had early mistakes in the roll off would leave the door open for their opponent to walk through. There were a number of open frames in this year's tournament as the tournament featured the Holman and Petraglia oil patterns.

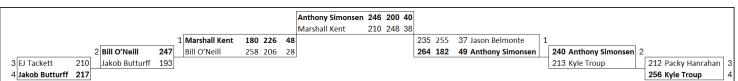
"When you go through an event, you get breaks your way and

you get breaks that go the opposite way," Simonsen said. "To get a win over a guy who's been as hot as (Kent) has been lately, sometimes you need a little bit of help, whether it's good fortune on your side or bad fortune on his side in terms of missing the spare."

and I are going to have a tiebreaker title match."



2024 PBA Tour Finals Championship Round





















Janawicz Wins PBA Senior US Open

John Janawicz won his fourth title and his third major at the PBA Senior US Open by defeating Tom Hess 236 to 214. Janawicz has a total four PBA50 titles with three of them being majors. He has put himself in the PBA50 Hall of Fame.

"This is the one you want to win," Janawicz said. "You look at all of the greats that have won it, and to say that I am a U.S. Open champion is definitely very special, and a dream come true. It is quite a feeling."

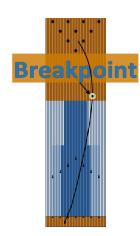
Janawicz had to defeat three of the great PBA50 stars Brad Angelo, Pete Weber, and Tom Hess. Angelo averaged 262.5 in his first two games. Angelo had to double in the tenth to win against Janawicz. He would get the first strike, but on the second ball in the tenth, he failed by leaving a ten pin. This



John Janawicz winner of the 2024 PBA Senior US Open

gave John a chance to go up against one of the legends of the tournament the US Open—Pete Weber. Pete would struggle on the right lane by frequently leaving the ten pin, even missing one of them. This gave Janawicz a sigh of relief when Weber could not string strikes together giving John an opening to win his fourth PBA50 title and his third PBA50 major.

2024 PBA Senior US Open											
								1.	Tom Hess	215	John Janawicz
				2.	Pete Weber	-	194		John Janawicz	236	Champion
	3.	John Janawicz	269		John Janawicz	-	221				_
4 Chris Barnes	259	Brad Angelo	257								
5 Brad Angelo	267										



US Amateur Trials move to National Bowling Stadium

On June 20th, USBC made the announcement that the US Amateur trials would be held at the National Bowling Stadium for the first time since 2007. This will allow the field to be expanded from 175 to 190 for both men's and women's divisions. The field is open to any USBC member that is sixteen years of age or older for the team USA or Junior team USA. The tournament will be held on January 2nd thru the 7th, 2025. For more information, go to Bowl.com.

Reno Tahoe President and CEO Mike Larragueta stated "We are thrilled to welcome the Team USA Trials and U.S. National Amateur Bowling Championships back to Reno."





Editorial: PBA Playoff Idea

Bowling fans might enjoy watching the PBA League but would most likely want to see the PBA Tour season extended into the fall. This would allow bowlers to skip a few tournaments and be able to be sharper at the Majors. The PBA League is more entertainment than competition. The editor of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter proposes the following idea. There would be a five tournament series with a cut after each tournament. Each tournament would have a PBA Hall of Famer pattern. The goal would be to allow the pro bowlers to definitely bowl year around.

PBA Playoff Fall Series

<u>Tournament 1</u>—this would be on the Marshall Holman pattern with the top 24 advancing to Tournament 2. This tournament would be five 8 game blocks of round robin match play with the top 5 advancing to the Tournament 1 championship round. For instance, a bowler ranked 40th in the points would more than likely have to win the tournament to advance to the next tournament.

<u>Tournament 2-</u> the next one would be on the Mark Roth pattern with the top 16 bowling advancing to Tournament 3. There would be three 8 game blocks of round robin match play with the top 5 advancing to the Tournament 2 championship round.

<u>Tournament 3</u>— this would be on the Johnny Petraglia pattern with the top 12 bowling advancing to Tournament 4. There would be two 8 game blocks of round robin match play with the top 5 advancing to the Tournament 3 championship round.

<u>Tournament 4</u>— this would be on the Earl Anthony pattern with the top 8 bowling advancing to Tournament 5. This tournament would have two six game blocks of round robin match play. The top 5 would go onto the Tournament 4 championship round.

<u>Tournament 5-</u> this would be on the Dick Weber pattern with the final 8 bowling round robin. After 8 games of match play, the top 2 would be in the Tournament 5 championship round bowling a three game match with the total pin fall winning the tournament. If a bowler won two tournaments, they would receive a bonus of \$20,000. If a bowler won three of the five, the bowler would receive \$30,000 bonus money. If a bowler won all five tournaments, they would receive \$100,000 bonus.

This PBA Playoff Fall Series could entice more sponsors to get involved with the PBA. Having a spring/summer tour would encourage bowlers to be able to bowl more games and get their feet wet on the PBA Tour. Bowling fans want to see more tournaments than what the PBA Tour currently offers.

The Josh Hyde's Bowling newsletter won first place in two different categories in the IBMA writing competition.

Below: The 2023 IBMA Awards that the Editor received from International Bowling Media Association





