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" You need to fill frames in the US Open"

Pete Weber





Messenger: The 2025 PBA Tour Schedule

The 2025 PBA Tour Schedule came out in late October. A major highlight from the upcoming schedule is the PBA League teams switching from cities to bowling ball brands. Eight major ball brands will have the opportunity to put their roster together before they bowl the tournament. All eight brands will go to the Elias Cup finals. The PBA contract with Fox runs out in the summer of 2025. The battle of the brands will feature 8 teams representing the major bowling ball manufacturers. Bowlers will be required to use only the manufacturers' equipment for the Elias Cup finals. For more information on the Elias Cup finals, go to pba.com.

Five PBA majors are back with the US Open being held at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. USBC Masters will be contested at the Thunderbowl in Allen Park, Michigan. Players Championship will be held at Jax60 in Jackson, Michigan. The PBA World Championship will be held in Reno at the National Bowling Stadium. All five majors will feature a \$100,000 first prize. Also each of the five majors will feature a preliminary championship round before the stepladder finals. The last tournament on the 2025 schedule will be at historic Rivera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio.

The 2025 PBA Tour schedule is allowing the exempt players to bowl in everything that the PBA tour has to offer. The PBA Illinois Classic and the Roth-Holman PBA Doubles championship will be featured concurrently on the PBA schedule.

The 2025 season promises to be as competitive as previous seasons and a must watch for bowling fans.







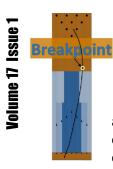












Breakpoint: 2025 USBC Hall of Fame Class

The 2025 USBC Hall of Fame class has been announced. There will be five new additions to the USBC Hall of Fame: Shannon O'Keefe of Jacksonville, Alabama; Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kansas; and Randy Pedersen of Orlando, Florida, in the Superior Performance category; and Tom Clark of Muskego, Wisconsin; and Keith Hamilton of Park Ridge, Illinois, in the Meritorious Service category.

Shannon O' Keefe has 15 titles on the PWBA tour including three majors and three PWBA Player of the Year honors. Shannon is also an 18 year veteran with Team USA earning nearly 50 medals. O' Keefe has also won four Women's Championship titles including the 2016 Diamond All-Events. She has won three team titles at the Women's Championships.

Bryan Goebel is a winner of ten PBA Tour Titles including one PBA Major at the 1998 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions. In 1994, he beat Norm Duke with a score of 296-280. It is still the highest losing score in PBA history. Goebel won three titles at the Golden Pin Lanes in Tucson, Arizona.

Randy Pedersen was a winner of 13 PBA Tour titles including the 1987 PBA National/ World Championship. Pedersen would win the next tournament after his lone major. Pedersen is well known for his stone 8 pin in the 1995 Bayer/Brunswick Touring Players Championship. Pedersen also won a title at the 1988 PBA Senior Touring Pro Doubles Championship with PBA Hall of Famer Carmen Salvino. Randy has commentated for the PBA Tour for the past 23 years. He was ranked 35th in the 50th Greatest Players in PBA History.

Tom Clark, current PBA Commissioner, has expanded the PBA with the PBA League, PBA Junior. Also, in 2009, he developed the WSOB where international bowlers could compete. Clark has worked for the USBC as Director of Communication and Vice President of Marketing along with developing Bowl TV. Clark also served on the board of the International Bowling Media Association from 2005-2009 and currently serves on the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame.

Keith Hamilton has been involved in the bowling industry for over five decades including the president and co-owner of Luby Publishing. Hamilton doubled the size of LPI Publishing by starting the Bowling Center Management magazine. Keith also published *PBA 50 Greatest Bowlers, Earl* and *Revolutions II* detailing the career of Earl Anthony.

For more information bowling fans can go to Bowl.com













Spare Column— Cont'd 2025 PBA Tour Schedule

2025 PBA on FOX Schedule

PBA Delaware Classic — Middletown, DE | Mid County Lanes and Entertainment Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025 | 5 PM ET on FS1

U.S. Open presented by Go Bowling — Indianapolis, IN | Royal Pin Woodland

Prelims — Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025 | 4 PM ET on FS1

Finals — Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025 | 4 PM ET on FOX

PBA Illinois Classic — Vernon Hills, IL | Bowlero Vernon Hills

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025 | 8 PM ET on FS1

PBA Pete Weber Missouri Classic — Springfield, MO | Enterprise Park Lanes

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025 | 1 PM ET on FS1

PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship — Vernon Hills, IL | Bowlero Vernon Hills

Sunday, March 2, 2025 | 12 PM ET on FS1

PBA Nevada Classic — Reno, NV | Coconut Bowl at Wild Island

Saturday, March 15, 2025 | 6 PM ET on FS1

Finals to be held at National Bowling Stadium in Reno, NV

PBA World Series of Bowling XVI — Reno, NV | National Bowling Stadium

Animal Pattern 1 Championship — Sunday, March 16, 2025 | 7:30 PM ET on FS1

Animal Pattern 2 Championship — Monday, March 17, 2025 | 7 PM ET on FS1

Animal Pattern 3 Championship — Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | 7 PM ET on FS1

Animal Pattern 4 Championship — Wednesday, March 19, 2025 | 7 PM ET on FS1

World Championship — Saturday, March 22, 2025 | 3 PM ET on FOX

USBC Masters — Allen Park, MI | Thunderbowl Lanes

Prelims — Saturday, March 29, 2025 | 12 PM ET on FS1

Finals — Sunday, March 30, 2025 | 12 PM ET on FOX

PBA Jr. National Championships — Reno, NV | National Bowling Stadium

Friday, April 4, 2025 | 7 PM ET on FS1

PBA All-Star Weekend — Waukesha, WI | Foxx View Lanes

Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 12 PM ET on FS1

Sunday, April 6, 2025 | 12 PM ET on FS1

PBA Players Championship — Jackson, MI | David Small's JAX 60

Prelims — Saturday, April 12, 2025 | 7 PM ET on FS1

Finals — Sunday, April 13, 2025 | 12 PM ET on FOX

PBA Tournament of Champions — Fairlawn, OH | AMF Riviera Lanes

Prelims — Saturday, April 19, 2025 | 5 PM ET on FS1

Finals — Sunday, April 20, 2025 | 12:30 PM ET on FOX

PBA Elite League: Battle of the Brands — Allen Park, MI | Thunderbowl Lanes

Prelims — Saturday, April 26, 2025 | 3 PM ET on FS1

Finals — Sunday, April 27, 2025 | 12 PM ET on FOX

PBA Playoffs — Allen Park, MI | Thunderbowl Lanes

Round 1 — Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 7 PM ET on FS1

Round 1 — Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 7 PM ET on FS1

Quarterfinals — Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 2 PM ET on FS1

Quarterfinals — Sunday, May 11, 2025 | 6:30 PM ET on FS1

Semifinals — Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 12 PM ET on FS1

Championship – Saturday, May 24, 2025 | 2:30 PM ET on FOX

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Spare Column: 2025 PBA WSOB XVI Schedule



PBA WSOB XVI Schedule

March 3: Official practice

March 4: PBA Animal Pattern #1 Championship Qualifying Round 1

March 5: PBA Animal Pattern #1 Championship Qualifying Round 2 + Match Play Round of 24 (best-of-

five)

March 6: PBA Animal Pattern #2 Championship Qualifying Round 1

March 7: PBA Animal Pattern #2 Championship Qualifying Round 2 + Match Play Round of 24 (best-of-

five)

March 8: PBA Animal Pattern #3 Championship Qualifying Round 1

March 9: PBA Animal Pattern #3 Championship Qualifying Round 2 + Match Play Round of 24 (best-of-

five)

March 10: PBA Animal Pattern #4 Championship Qualifying Round 1

March 11: PBA Animal Pattern #4 Championship Qualifying Round 2 + Match Play Round of 24 (best-of-five)

March 12: PBA World Championship practice

March 13: PBA World Championship Advancers Round 1

March 14: PBA World Championship Advancers Round 2 + PBA Jr. National Championships match play

March 15: PBA Nevada Classic finals + PBA Jr. National Championships match play and finals

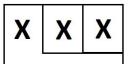
March 16: PBA Animal Pattern #1 Championship match play (best-of-five) and finals

March 17: PBA Animal Pattern #2 Championship match play (best-of-five) and finals

March 18: PBA Animal Pattern #3 Championship match play (best-of-five) and finals

March 19: PBA Animal Pattern #4 Championship match play (best-of-five) and finals

March 20: PBA World Championship match play rounds 1-2 (round robin)



Tenth Frame Commentary: Player-of-the-Year Pick

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The PBA membership has a hard choice in the PBA Player-of-the-Year category. EJ Tackett made a number of consecutive championship rounds. Even though Anthony Simonsen won more titles than Tackett, his making consecutive shows can speak volumes for a Player-of-the-

Year candidate. On top of that, EJ Tackett broke the high average award averaging 230 on the PBA Tour for an entire season. Kyle Troup was the fastest bowler to win multiple titles in this year's campaign. Troup has also won the 2024 US Open in which may have been the best championship round of all time in the history of the PBA. Bill O' Neill won his third major at the PBA Players Championship. The one player who is underrated—David "Boog" Krol—has made it through every tournament qualifying round. This is hard to do because a bowler has to bowl more games in hopes they bowl high enough to qualify for the tournament. To qualify for the PBA Tour championship without being exempt is quite the accomplishment. David "Boog" Krol about the made 2024 US Open, however the Top 5 going into position rounds has built up a substantial lead that David would have to bowl a high game by beating O'Neill with a large margin of pins to catch O'Neill. It has been a long time since the PBA Player of the Year has not won a major during their











Left to Right:
EJ Tackett,
Anthony Simonsen,
Kyle Troup,
Bill O' Neill &
David Krol