



DENNY'S PBA TOUR

Spare Shots – 2007 Great Lakes Classic Classic – Nov. 28-Dec. 2 – Wyoming, MI

2007-08 Denny's PBA Tour Schedule

Dates	Event	Winner or Location
9/18-9/23	Dydo Japan Cup 2007	Mika Koivuniemi
10/21-10/28	*2007 USBC Masters	Sean Rash
10/31-11/4	2007 Motor City Classic	Walter Ray Williams Jr.
11/7-11/11	2007 Etonic Championship	Mike Wolfe
11/14-11/18	2007 Lake County Indiana Classic	Michael Haugen Jr.
11/21-11/25	2007 CLR Windy City Classic	Robert Smith
11/28-12/2	2007 Great Lakes Classic	Wyoming, MI
12/5-12/9	2007 Lumber Liquidators Championship	Baltimore, MD
12/12-12/16	2007 Spartanburg Classic	Spartanburg, SC
1/2-1/6	2008 High Desert Classic	Reno, NV
1/9-1/13	2008 Earl Anthony Medford Classic	Medford, OR
1/15-1/20	2008 Motel 6 Dick Weber Open	Fountain Valley, CA
1/20-1/22	2008 PBA Exempt Doubles Classic	Las Vegas, NV
1/23-1/27	*2008 H&R Block Tournament of Champions	Las Vegas, NV
2/6-2/10	2008 Bayer Classic	El Paso, Texas
2/13-2/17	2008 Pepsi Championship	Omaha, NE
2/18-2/24	*2008 Denny's World Championship	Indianapolis, IN
2/26-3/2	2008 Don Johnson Buckeye State Classic	Columbus, OH
3/5-3/9	2008 Go RVing Classic	Norwich, CT
3/19-3/23	2008 GEICO Classic	West Babylon, NY
3/23-3/30	*65th Denny's U.S. Open	North Brunswick, NJ

* Denotes Denny's PBA Tour Major event

Did You Know?

Brad Angelo has finished second in a Denny's PBA Tour event four times in his career, the most of any bowler on Tour without a title.

Angelo, whose runner-up finish Sunday left him winless in 13 career championship round appearances, finished second to Mika Koivuniemi in the 2004 Reno Open in his third career TV appearance. He also fell to Rick Lawrence in the 2004 BowlersParadise.com Classic and Patrick Allen in the 2005 Dallas Open title matches before his loss to Robert Smith this past Sunday in the CLR Windy City Classic.

Great Lakes Classic ESPN-TV

Sunday, Dec. 2
Spectrum Lanes
1 p.m. EST

SUNDAYS ARE FOR BOWLING

This Week

The seventh event of the 2007-08 Denny's PBA Tour and the fourth and final 2007 PBA Women's Series event take place this week at Spectrum Lanes in Wyoming, Mich., with the 2007 Great Lakes Classic, Nov. 28-Dec. 2. The event, which starts Wednesday with the Denny's PBA Tour Qualifying Round, features a single elimination match play format, with the top four men and top two women advancing to the live ESPN-televised finals, Sunday, Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. EST on ESPN.

This marks the seventh consecutive season Spectrum Lanes has hosted a Denny's PBA Tour event, tied for second-longest current run of any center. Last season, the center hosted a PBA Major event for the first time as Doug Kent captured the 2007 Denny's World Championship for his second Major title of the season, which ultimately propelled him to the 2006-07 PBA Player of the Year award. Other exempt bowlers who have won in the center include Patrick Allen, Tommy Jones, Eugene McCune, Pete Weber, Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Danny Wiseman.

The week marks the fourth and final PBA Women's Series event, a special four-event mini Tour sponsored by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) which features 16 of the top female bowlers in the world. The ladies took last week off for the Thanksgiving holidays following wins by Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Shannon Pluhowsky and Joy Esterson in the first three events.

Last Week

For three matches, it looked as if Brad Angelo – after years of heartbreak and close calls – would become the second bowler in as many weeks to break a long drought and win his first career Denny's PBA Tour title, a la Michael Haugen Jr. in the previous week's Lake County Indiana Classic.

Angelo used one of Haugen's secrets on Sunday in the CLR Windy City Classic at Hawthorn Lanes, showing up late to the pre-show warm-ups, hoping to avoid the build-up of nervous energy that he had in his past 12 championship round appearances. The move looked to pay off as a relaxed Angelo blew past No. 4 seed Ritchie Allen, 265-168, and No. 3 Mika Koivuniemi, 256-233. In the third match, however, Angelo suddenly lost his look and it appeared the run might come to an end. Making his third consecutive championship round appearance, Chris Barnes could not take advantage, however, and in a match that turned ugly in a hurry, Angelo and Barnes traded open frames until Barnes' fifth split and fourth open in the 10th frame gave Angelo a spot in his fourth career title match with a 162-151 win.

Just when it looked like the No. 5 seed Angelo was destined to finally win his first title, the Lockport, N.Y., native ran into another man on a mission, Robert Smith. Standing far left and launching the ball over the gutter a quarter of the way down the lane, the powerful 33-year-old used his unique style to edge Angelo, 223-205, and capture his seventh career title and first since 2004. It was a full-circle finish for Smith, who was coming off a 2006-07 season in which he bowled just four events and had to defer his exemption due to a hip injury. On Sunday, Smith proved that not only was he healthy, he still possesses the skills and fire that made him one of the top young players in the game.

Smith Reigns as Top Seed

Robert Smith's win in the 2007 CLR Windy City Classic marked the fifth time in the last six stepladder finals the top seed has taken home the title. The run comes directly after an 0-9 stretch over two seasons for top seeds, which was finally broken by Jason Couch in last season's Dick Weber Open.

Couch's win was followed by Patrick Allen's victory as the top seed in the 2007 Go RVing Classic. After a win by No. 2 seed Pete Weber over top-seed Wes Malott in the 64th U.S. Open, top seeds have won three straight stepladder finals with Norm Duke's win in the 2007 Pepsi Championship, Sean Rash's victory in the 2007 USBC Masters and Smith's win last week.

This Week's Schedule

The 2007 Great Lakes Classic at Spectrum Lanes gets underway Wednesday with the Denny's PBA Tour Qualifying Round (TQR), which will be followed Wednesday evening by the official PBA Practice Session at 4:30 p.m. The top 10 PBA members and the top amateur in the TQR will advance to Thursday's Round of 64, which features two seven-game qualifying blocks from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. PBA Women's Series qualifying runs simultaneously with the men's Round of 64, with all 16 women bowling 14 games.

The field will be cut to the top 32 men and top eight women who will advance to single elimination match play on Friday. The Denny's PBA Tour Round of 32 gets underway at 9 a.m. followed by the Round of 16 and PBA Women's Series Round of 8 at 2 p.m. The evening wraps up with the men's Round of 8 and the women's Round of 4 at 7 p.m. to determine the finalists for Sunday's live ESPN-televized championship round.

Saturday is a day for the fans as PBA Pro-Ams and Fan Day take place at Spectrum Lanes. Pro-Ams take place at 9 a.m. (juniors), 12:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, the top four men and two women will battle it out for their respective titles. The men's semifinal matches take place first, followed by the final Women's Series title match with the winner taking home \$10,000. The men's title match concludes the championship round with the winner earning \$25,000 and a one-year Denny's PBA Tour exemption.

Double-Digit Spots Available Again

After a record 11 PBA members earned spots in the Round of 64 via the Wednesday TQR the last two weeks, the top 10 members will earn a place in the field this week as six exempt bowlers have withdrawn from Great Lakes Classic competition.

The injury bug has hit the Tour hard as several bowlers continue to remain out of commission. Jason Couch has officially received an injury deferment until the 2008-09 season due to a knee injury and his exemption will go back to the Tour Qualifying Round, giving at least five PBA members a place in the Round of 64 each week. Also withdrawing this week were: Jeff Carter, Norm Duke, Patrick Healey Jr., Tony Reyes and Pete Weber.

The increase in spots bodes well for many bowlers chasing an exemption via the PBA World Point Rankings. The high non-exempt bowler at season's end will earn a spot on the 2008-09 Tour. Additionally, a handful of bowlers have advanced through the Tour Qualifying Round and earned a spot in the ESPN TV finals the same week, including Jeff Lizzi earlier in the season in the Motor City Classic. Sean Rash in 2006 and Mike Mineman in 2007 each won titles the same week they qualified through the Wednesday TQR.

Women's Series Returns

The inaugural PBA Women's Series wraps up this week with the fourth and final event at Spectrum Lanes. The series has been a huge success so far, with many of the world's top female bowlers strutting their stuff week in and week out while some of the top rising stars in the game have also emerged.

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard won the series' first event as the 20-time Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) champion knocked off young star Missy Bellinder to win the Motor City Classic. Youth was served the next week when 25-year-old Shannon Pluhowsky defeated USBC and PWBA Hall of Famer Tish Johnson to win the Etonic Championship. Another rising star won the season's third event as Joy Esterson won a thrilling title match in the Lake County Indiana Classic, defeating 11-time PWBA champion and 2007 U.S. Women's Open champion Liz Johnson, 10-7, in a one-ball roll off after the two tied at 226.

This week, the women take to the lanes for the final time, with Robin Romeo replacing Wendy Macpherson in the field.

So Close

After missing the previous two weeks with a back injury, Brad Angelo wasn't sure if he was even going to compete in the CLR Windy City Classic. Instead, he nearly turned in one of the best feel-good stories of the year with his first career title.

Instead, Angelo fell to Robert Smith in the title match to come up empty in his 13th career TV appearance, which ties him for the third-most championship rounds of all time without a title. Angelo has a long way to go to reach the record of 23 shows without a title, held by Gil Sliker and Steve Wunderlich. Angelo is tied with Gary Mage, Jeff Mattingly and Bill Oakes with 13.

2007-08 PBA World Point Rankings

Rk.	Name	Points
1.	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	.87,457
2.	Chris Barnes	.71,116.7
3.	Steve Jaros	.61,614
4.	Mika Koivuniemi	.61,586
5.	Pete Weber	.61,314
6.	Sean Rash	.59,677
7.	Michael Haugen Jr.	.57,413.7
8.	Wes Malott	.55,835
9.	Patrick Allen	.48,425
10.	Mike DeVaney	.48,363

PBA Women's Series Rankings

Rk.	Name	Points
1.	Carolyn Dorin-Ballard	.62,473
2.	Joy Esterson	.57,197
3.	Liz Johnson	.54,569
4.	Kelly Kulick	.49,559
5.	Missy Bellinder	.45,480
6.	Shannon Pluhowsky	.42,843
7.	Olivia Sandham	.36,637
8.	Tish Johnson	.35,363
9.	Amy Stolz	.33,879
10.	Michelle Feldman	.32,547

PBA Regional Point Rankings

Region	Name	Points
Central	Ken Abner	.167,419
East	Ray Edwards	.204,048
Midwest	David Traber	.223,389
Northwest	Chester Rogers	.138,771
South	Jason Hurd	.250,549
Southwest	Nathan Bohr	.265,862
West	Dave Arnold	.154,135

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Winning Ugly

Angelo nearly went down in the record books for the lowest winning TV score of all time with his 162-151 win over Chris Barnes in the semifinal. Angelo's was the third-lowest winning score, just behind Dennis Jacques' 157-156 win over Sam Zurich in the 1983 Molson Bowling Challenge and Pete Weber's 159-158 win over Steve Jaros in the 1994 Tournament of Champions. Additionally, the combined 313 score of Angelo and Barnes tied for the second lowest combined TV score behind Jacques' 163-133 win over Joe Staton in the 1983 Miller Lite Challenge.

Bad News Barnes

The struggles continued last Sunday for Chris Barnes, who lost his fifth consecutive match on television, leaving five splits and opening four times to fall to Brad Angelo, 162-151.

The good news for Barnes is that he gets to television more than any bowler on Tour these days. Barnes tied for the Tour lead with six championship round appearances last season, is tied for the Tour lead with three this season and he's tied with Walter Ray Williams Jr. for the most TV appearances (47) since 2000. Other than his rookie season, when he did not make a championship round, Barnes has been as steady as it gets, making at least four shows in each of the last eight seasons.

Last week marked Barnes' third consecutive championship round, the fifth time in his career he's accomplished that feat. The mark moves him into a tie with Mark Roth and Jason Couch for third all-time, behind Walter Ray Williams Jr. – who's made three-in-a-row 18 times – and Earl Anthony, who accomplished the feat 10 times.

Pete and Repeat

Pete Weber was thankful early last week for a change in format from single elimination match play to round robin. In the previous three weeks' single elimination events, Weber lost in the Round of 8 all three times, twice to Walter Ray Williams Jr. and once to Chris Barnes.

After leading the Round of 64 it looked as if Weber would finally break through for his first championship round of the season as all pins from qualifying carried over to round robin. Instead, Weber went just 9-9 in match play, which included a 279-226 position round loss to eventual champion Robert Smith.

Sitting sixth in the standings going into the final match, Weber could have made it to the finals with a win over Smith. Though Smith blitzed past Weber, the PBA Hall of Famer still could have gone past Brad Angelo who ended up with the No. 5 seed. Despite striking with his final six shots in the match, however, Weber came up 13 pins shy of the finals and finished sixth overall after finishing seventh the previous three weeks.

How Good Are They?

Ever wondered just how much better PBA pros are than average Joe Bowler? With PBA Experience Leagues up and running, you can finally find out. This past summer, the USBC compiled scores on each pattern from PBA Experience Leagues across the country and computed the average from all leagues that submitted scores. Below is a look at PBA Experience League averages compared to exempt bowlers averages from Round of 64 competition in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Pattern	Experience League Avg.	Exempt Avg.
Viper	165	218.75
Shark	169	205.25
Scorpion	170	226.38
Chameleon	164	217.60
Cheetah	168	226.60

2007-08 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Race

Rank	Name	Points
1.	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	28
2.	Sean Rash	24
	Mike Wolfe	24
4.	Mika Koivuniemi	22
5.	Michael Haugen Jr.	16
	Robert Smith	16

PBA Sponsor Competition

No.	Name/Team	Points
1.	Walter Ray Williams Jr./Denny's	87,457
2.	Chris Barnes/Pepsi	71,116.7
3.	Steve Jaros/GEICO	61,614
4.	Mika Koivuniemi/GEICO	61,586
5.	Pete Weber/Etonic	61,314
6.	Sean Rash/Pepsi	59,677
7.	Wes Malott/Etonic	55,835
8.	Patrick Allen/Denny's	48,425
9.	Mike DeVaney/CLR	48,363
10.	Chris Loschetter/H&R Block	46,649
11.	Mike Wolfe/Motel 6	43,610
12.	Robert Smith/Lumber Liquidators	42,634
13.	Danny Wiseman/CLR	34,923
14.	Mike Machuga/Etonic	33,899
15.	Brad Angelo/USBC	33,638
16.	Tommy Jones/Denny's	32,560
17.	Norm Duke/Motel 6	31,791
18.	Bill O'Neill/USBC	31,556.5
19.	Mike Edwards/Bayer	30,155.3
20.	Dino Castillo/Lumber Liquidators	28,716
21.	Jack Jurek/Bayer	27,990
22.	Ryan Shafer/H&R Block	27,446.5
23.	Tommy Delutz Jr./USBC	27,341.5
24.	Michael Fagan/Bayer	26,875
25.	Brian Himmler/H&R Block	26,147.5
26.	Doug Kent/Motel 6	26,006
27.	Parker Bohn III/Pepsi	22,435
28.	Brian Kretzer/Lumber Liquidators	21,291
29.	Mike Scroggins/Denny's	18,825
30.	Tony Reyes/Denny's	14,188
31.	Billy Oatman/Denny's	13,093
32.	Jeff Carter/CLR	7,112.5

By Sponsor Team

Rk.	Team	Avg. Points Per Player
1.	Pepsi	51,076 (Chris Barnes, Parker Bohn III, Sean Rash)
2.	Etonic	50,349 (Mike Machuga, Wes Malott, Pete Weber)
3.	GEICO	41,066 (Jason Couch, Steve Jaros, Mika Koivuniemi)
4.	Denny's	35,758 (Patrick Allen, Tommy Jones, Billy Oatman, Tony Reyes, Mike Scroggins, Walter Ray Williams Jr.)
5.	Motel 6	33,802 (Norm Duke, Doug Kent, Mike Wolfe)
6.	H&R Block	33,414 (Brian Himmler, Chris Loschetter, Ryan Shafer)
7.	Lumber Liquidators	30,880 (Dino Castillo, Brian Kretzer, Robert Smith)
8.	USBC	30,845 (Brad Angelo, Tommy Delutz Jr., Bill O'Neill)
9.	CLR	30,132 (Jeff Carter, Mike DeVaney, Danny Wiseman)
10.	Bayer	28,340 (Mike Edwards, Michael Fagan, Jack Jurek)

2007-08 Denny's PBA Tour Statistical Leaders

Earnings Leaders

Rank	Name	Hometown	Earnings
1.	Sean Rash	Wichita, Kan.	\$112,800
2.	Mika Koivuniemi	Hartland, Mich.	\$67,800
3.	Steve Jaros	Yorkville, Ill.	\$61,800
4.	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	Ocala, Fla.	\$60,900
5.	Mike Wolfe	New Albany, Ind.	\$58,411
6.	Patrick Allen	Wesley Chapel, Fla.	\$34,450
7.	Michael Haugen Jr.	Cave Creek, Ariz.	\$34,100
8.	Robert Smith	Captain Cook, Hawaii	\$31,300
9.	Chris Barnes	Double Oak, Texas	\$23,700
10.	Wes Malott	Argyle, Texas	\$23,700

Average Leaders

Rank	Name	Hometown	Earnings
1.	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	Ocala, Fla.	232.18
2.	Chris Barnes	Double Oak, Texas	228.16
3.	Wes Malott	Argyle, Texas	226.15
4.	Mika Koivuniemi	Hartland, Mich.	225.95
5.	Rhino Page	Topeka, Kan.	225.25
6.	Mike Wolfe	New Albany, Ind.	224.92
7.	Chris Loschetter	Avon, Ohio	224.26
8.	Tommy Jones	Simpsonville, S.C.	224.07
9.	Michael Haugen Jr.	Cave Creek, Ariz.	223.96
10.	Steve Jaros	Yorkville, Ill.	223.17

2007 PBA Women's Series Statistical Leaders

Earnings Leaders

Rank	Name	Hometown	Earnings
1.	Carolyn Dorin-Ballard	N. Richland Hills, Texas	\$19,000
2.	Joy Esterson	Annapolis, Md.	\$17,500
3.	Liz Johnson	Cheektowaga, N.Y.	\$13,611
4.	Shannon Pluhowsky	Phoenix, Ariz.	\$13,600
5.	Kelly Kulick	Union, N.J.	\$11,800
6.	Missy Bellinder	Fullerton, Calif.	\$10,800
7.	Tish Johnson	Colorado Springs, Colo.	\$9,600
8.	Olivia Sandham	Wichita, Kan.	\$7,600
9.	Amy Stolz	Castle Rock, Colo.	\$7,300
10.	Karen Stroud	Victoria, Texas	\$7,100

Average Leaders

Rank	Name	Hometown	Earnings
1.	Carolyn Dorin-Ballard	N. Richland Hills, Texas	226.92
2.	Liz Johnson	Cheektowaga, N.Y.	223.69
3.	Joy Esterson	Annapolis, Md.	218.51
4.	Wendy Macpherson	Walnut Creek, Calif.	215.50
5.	Kelly Kulick	Union, N.J.	215.19
6.	Missy Bellinder	Fullerton, Calif.	212.92
7.	Shannon Pluhowsky	Phoenix, Ariz.	212.50
8.	Stefanie Nation	Miami, Fla.	212.17
9.	Olivia Sandham	Wichita, Kan.	210.67
10.	Michelle Feldman	Skaneateles, N.Y.	210.41

2008 H&R Block Tournament of Champions Roster



Robert Smith

With his win in the 2007 CLR Windy City Classic, Robert Smith moved from 23rd to first on the 2008 H&R Block Tournament of Champions roster. This year, the event features 52 bowlers including the 37 most recent Denny's PBA Tour champions (with priority on the list going to exempt bowlers). The list is filled with past Tournament of Champions winners and PBA Hall of Famers based on most recent

Denny's PBA Tour win. Smith's win kept Hugh Miller on the bubble for at least one more week.

Denny's PBA Tour Entrants

No.	Name	Tournament
1.	Robert Smith	CLR Windy City Classic (11/25/07)
2.	Michael Haugen Jr.	Lake County Indiana Classic (11/18/07)
3.	Mike Wolfe	Etonic Championship (11/11/07)
4.	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	Motor City Classic (11/4/07)
5.	Sean Rash	USBC Masters (10/28/07)
6.	Mika Koivuniemi	Dydo Japan Cup 2007 (9/23/07)
7.	Tommy Jones	PBA Tournament of Champions (4/1/07)
8.	Doug Kent	Denny's World Championship (3/25/07)
9.	Norm Duke	Pepsi Championship (3/18/07)
10.	Pete Weber	64th U.S. Open (3/4/07)
11.	Mike Mineman	Bayer Classic (2/25/07)
12.	Patrick Allen	Go RVing Classic (2/18/07)
13.	Chris Barnes	GEICO Classic (2/11/07)
14.	Jason Couch	Motel 6 Classic (1/28/07)
15.	Wes Malott	Discover® Card Windy City Classic (11/26/06)
16.	Tony Reyes	Motor City Classic (11/5/06)
17.	Ritchie Allen	Motel 6 Phoenix Classic (1/22/06)
18.	Brian Himmler	Earl Anthony Medford Classic (1/8/06)
19.	Mike Scroggins	USBC Masters (11/20/05)
20.	Mike Machuga	Greater Omaha Classic (11/13/05)
21.	Steve Jaros	Dexter Tournament of Champions (4/10/05)
22.	Parker Bohn III	El Paso Classic (1/16/05)
23.	Danny Wiseman	USBC Masters (10/31/04)
24.	Patrick Healey Jr.	PBA Tournament of Champions (12/14/03)
25.	Ryan Shafer	Empire State Open (11/23/03)
26.	Mike DeVaney	GEICO Earl Anthony Classic (1/5/03)
27.	Eugene McCune	Banquet Classic (11/17/02)
28.	Dave D'Entremont	Wichita Open (10/13/02)
29.	Tommy Delutz Jr.	Long Island Open (11/18/01)
30.	Brian Voss	Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Classic (1/29/06)
31.	Jason Hurd	Pepsi Open (11/28/04)
32.	Rick Lawrence	BowlersParadise.com Open (11/21/04)
33.	Lonnie Waliczek	Odor-Eaters Open (2/26/03)
34.	Chris Hayden	VIA Bowling Open (2/16/03)
35.	Bryon Smith	USBC Masters (1/19/03)
36.	Randy Pedersen	Pepsi Open (11/24/02)
37.	Hugh Miller	Dream Bowl 2002 (9/2/02)

PBA Senior Tour Entrants

38.	Tom Baker	USBC Senior Masters & PBA Dick Weber Invitational
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PBA Regional Tour Entrants

39.	Scott Santos	PBA Regional Players Championship
40.	TBA	PBA Regional Players Invitational

Tournament of Champions Winners/PBA Hall of Famers

41.	Bryan Goebel	1998 Tournament of Champions
42.	David Ozio	1991 Tournament of Champions
43.	Del Ballard Jr.	1989 Tournament of Champions
44.	Mark Williams	1988 Tournament of Champions
45.	Steve Cook	1981 Tournament of Champions
46.	Wayne Webb	1980 Tournament of Champions
47.	Johnny Petraglia	1971 Tournament of Champions
48.	Dave Husted	National/Senior Doubles (1/15/00)
49.	Ernie Schlegel	Touring Players Championship (11/8/95)
50.	Mark Roth	IOF Foresters Open (4/15/95)
51.	Gary Dickinson	B.P.A.A. U.S. Open (4/2/83)
52.	Dave Soutar	Syracuse Open (11/9/82)