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“PETE”

by Frank Weiler

I know a bowler named **PETE**. He's a hell of a bowler but an impudent jackanapes on the lanes. Too bad because I hear he's a good guy off the lanes.

This guy **PETE** is a champion bowler. He's won major championships. He's won numerous bowling titles. He's been the recipient of many honors and has won a great deal of money as a bowler. Many consider him one the best bowlers of all time. But **PETE** is a jackanapes on the lanes!

Off the lanes I hear he chats with fans, signs autographs and speaks freely whenever approached. However, on the lanes **PETE** is a jackanapes.

I can't identify who **PETE** is, but I can tell you, **PETE** is a jackanapes on the lanes.

Do you want to guess who **PETE** is? I'll give you some clues:

Pete is the guy who always looks angry.

Pete is the guy who looks like he's been dealt a bad poker hand.

Pete is the guy with the killer poker face.

Pete is the guy who walks about as if a dark cloud is following him.

Pete is the guy who looks like someone has just picked his pocket.

Pete is the guy who thinks everyone is out to get him.

Pete is the guy who looks like **your dog** just bit him.

Pete is the guy who looks like he just missed his flight.

Pete is the guy who looks like a bounty hunter after **YOU!**

Pete is the guy who looks like the sheriff is after him.

Any guess now who **PETE** is? If not, think of a jelly bun that's all **PUFF** on the outside but soft mushy on the inside.

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MICHAEL HAGGITT CLAIMS FIRST PBA50 TITLE AT SOUTH SHORE CLASSIC

by Jill Winters

HAMMOND, Indiana – Michael Haggitt had himself a memorable day on Thursday at the PBA50 South Shore Classic. He rolled a perfect game during the advancers round to start off his day. He then added another 300 in his first game of match play, and he ended the day by winning his first PBA50 title.

“There are so many guys out here that have been trying to get there, so to have this within three years is awesome,” the 53-year-old said. “I spent a lot of time in the offseason on my spares because last year I missed a couple of cuts because I wasn't making a lot of 7-pins, so I had to work on that a lot.”



The tall left-hander came into the day thinking he should throw a new Hammer Vibe, but his ball rep Jeff Johnson recommended going with a Hammer Ocean Vibe instead.

“I am glad I listened to him because it worked out well,” he said. “This

was my third time on a show, and I've had a lot of people around me give me great advice.”

After earning the top seed for the stepladder finals inside Olympia Lanes, Haggitt used his Ocean Vibe in the championship match against one of the hottest bowl-

ers on tour, USBC Senior Masters champion John Janawicz. The two matched one another through the first three frames. Janawicz gained a two-pin advantage in the fourth frame, and in the fifth frame he converted the 2-4-8-10 to
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PBA50 WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING PREVIEW

by Nolan Hughes

This year, for the first time, the PBA50 Tour will have its own World Series of Bowling. The landmark event will be held at JAX 60 in Jackson, Mich., about an hour west of Detroit, where the PBA's WSOB was born in 2009.

Since its inception, the WSOB has been an annual staple on the PBA Tour. With multiple titles on the line each year, culminating with a major title in the World Championship, the WSOB has become one of the PBA's signature events.

The PBA50 WSOB will comprise four title events: the PBA50 Ballard Championship, PBA50 Monacelli Cham-



pionship, PBA50 Petraglia Championship, and PBA50 World Championship.

The first three events will award standard titles and \$5,000 first-place prizes. The World Championship will be a major championship and fea-

ture a historic \$25,000 top prize.

“We are excited to bring the WSOB concept to the PBA50 Tour,” PBA Tour commissioner Tom Clark said. “With a spectacular host center, the highest senior first-place prize in two decades in

the main event World Championship, and over 190 players in the field given multiple opportunities with four titles on the line, the PBA50 WSOB has the potential to quickly grow into the premier senior pro bowl-
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2023 PBA League Draft Live on BowITV July 18

The 2023 PBA League Draft will be held July 18 at 2 p.m. ET, streamed live on BowITV.

The draft will begin with each of the 10 team managers, in reverse order of their finish last year, announcing up to three protected players on their rosters. Unprotected players will move to the list of draft-eligible players, which is made up of the top 75 players in 2023 PBA Tour points who aren't already on PBA League rosters.

After all 10 teams announce their protected players, the two-round snake draft begins and the teams will fill out their five-player rosters. If any team chooses to protect fewer than three players, additional rounds will be added to the snake draft until all teams have five eligible players on their rosters.

Teams will be able to trade players until the trade deadline of July 28, after which the rosters will be final for competition in September.

Following a seeding round on September 23, the 2023 PBA League Elias Cup Playoffs will be held at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine September 24-27, live on Fox Sports' FS1.

PBA League Draft Order

Round 1 (Manager Saves)

NYC KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard)
Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mark Baker)
L.A. X (Andrew Cain)
Chicago Breeze (Jason Couch)
Motown Muscle (Del Ballard Jr.)
Waco Wonders (Johnny Petraglia)
Milwaukee Pounders (Marshall Holman)
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Dallas Strikers (Norm Duke)
Portland Lumberjacks (Tim Mack)

Round 2 (First Selections)

NYC KingPins
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Milwaukee Pounders
Las Vegas High Rollers
Dallas Strikers
Portland Lumberjacks

Current Rosters

Managers may protect up to three players

NYC Kingpins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard)

Pete Weber
Marshall Kent
Darren Tang
Kyle Sherman
Michael Tang
Matt Sanders (replaced Sherman, who was out due to injury)

Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mark Baker)

Jesper Svensson
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Anthony Simonsen
Brad Miller
Mitch Hupé
Keven Williams

Waco Wonders (Johnny Petraglia)

Walter Ray Williams Jr.
BJ Moore
Thomas Larsen
Jason Sterner
Parker Bohn III

Milwaukee Pounders (Marshall Holman)

Sean Rash
Ryan Ciminelli
Dick Allen
AJ Chapman
Anthony Lavery-Spahr

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François Lavoie
Andrew Anderson
AJ Johnson
Matt Russo
lidemaro Ruiz Jr.

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Norm Duke
Tommy Jones
Bill O'Neill
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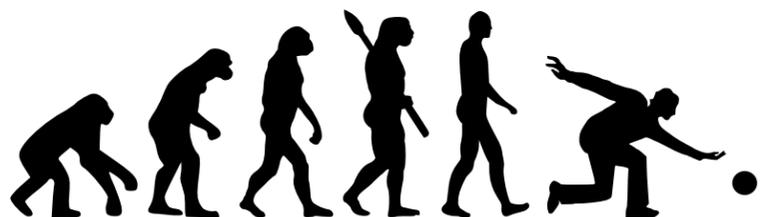
Portland Lumberjacks (Tim Mack)

Wes Malott
Kyle Troup
Kris Prather
Packy Hanrahan
Arturo Quintero

Current Eligible Players

Players in the top 75 in 2023 points, who are not already on League rosters, and will be joined by the players who are left unprotected during the Manager Saves round

Kevin McCune
Sam Cooley
Tomas Kayhko
Sean Lavery-Spahr
Justin Knowles
Richie Teece
Michael Martell
Nathan Bohr
Graham Fach
Tom Hess
Kim Bolleby
Zac Tackett
Zach Wilkins
Osku Palermaa
Frank Snodgrass
Cody Shoemaker
Brandon Runk
Cristian Azcona
Wesley Low Jr
Joseph Grondin
Ronnie Russell
Anthony Neuer
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Belmonte Is Just That Good

by Dave Williams

Growing up in the tiny community of Sebastopol, California, most noted as the residence of Peanuts cartoonist Charles M. Schulz in those days, also had its share of notable bowlers that one could sit and watch on any given day for hours. Ron Lisher, Bruce Lofgren, Steve Wallack, Tony Kozlowski, Marlin Shimizu and countless others could be viewed as they honed their craft on the drives at L & L Lanes. A couple of these men averaged above the 200 mark at a time when it was considered "as scarce as hen's teeth."

The greatest bowler of them all in that era was Don Carter of St. Louis, the first million dollar athlete in any sport. Everyone had to have the ball that he made famous, the Don Carter Gyro Balanced Ball by Ebonite. My parents drove me to Oakland, Calif., to meet George Gee, the best ball driller in the area. My average improved greatly with the purchase of the Gyro, and soon I was averaging over 200 in junior leagues.

Today a similar story must be taking place in many towns around the world, as the image of two handed bowler Jason Belmonte has changed the game of bowling, perhaps like no other athlete in any sport, for at least a generation. Some have compared Belmonte to Tiger Woods in golf, or even Babe Ruth or Shohei Ohtani in baseball. But when you add to his record the revolutionary two handed style employed by Belmo, you begin to see the overall impact he's had on every facet of bowling.

A recent article in GQ Magazine ("The Man Who Broke Bowling") brought to light the amazing accomplishments of the 39 year old Belmonte. Author Eric Wills put into words what many of us have known for more than a decade... Belmonte is just that good! Wills writes, "When he first alighted on the scene, Belmo, as he's known to his fans, resembled an alien species: one that bowls with two hands."

Wills continues, "He uses two fingers (and no thumb) on his right hand, palms the front of the ball with his left, and then, on his approach, which is marked by a distinctive shuffle step, rocks the ball back before launching it with a liquid, athletic whip, his delivery producing an eye popping hook, his ball striking the pins like a mini mortar explosion."

To say that Belmonte has ruffled a few feathers would be putting it mildly. "He's been called a cheat and told to go back to his native Australia," writes Wills. But one of the top pros, Pete Weber, never condemned Belmonte's style, and often applauds him for his lofty achievements when it comes to victories in the major events like the U.S. Open, Tournament of Champions, USBC Masters, and the like. Another all time great, Walter Ray Williams Jr., has even won a regional event using the two handed method.

In regards to his accomplishments in the majors, Belmonte now has won 15. That's four more than



The Belmonte Family at the 2020 PBA World Championship - (left to right) Silvie, Belmonte, wife Kimberly, Aria, and in the foreground, son Hugo. (Photo provided by PBA, LLC)

anyone else in the history of bowling, and in only 12 years. That is simply amazing. And he's only 39, which is relatively young in the bowling game. Both Weber and Walter Ray, now in their 60's, recently announced retirement from the regular tour, but they're not giving up the PBA50 Tour for pros over the age of 50.

Belmonte now laments his style, which has brought about a new generation of talented players with eye-popping rev rates, according to writer Wills. It has grown more challenging for Jason to maintain his supremacy. "As soon as I feel comfortable, there are 15 other (two handed) guys who are just as comfortable as I am now," says Belmonte. "You've got to be smarter."

Wills comments on Belmonte's sense of humor which we highlighted in an earlier column late last year ("Don't Go There... A History of Two-Hand Bowlers"). In case you missed it, here's the tongue in cheek video prepared by Belmonte from that article:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMWLFxE8fZA&t=21s>

Belmonte's sincere approach in this video had me convinced that he was suffering from a rare disease known as singular chiophobia, or fear of using one hand, until viewing the film in its entirety... and even then, I wasn't fully convinced. Wills says that Belmonte sends messages from his fan account with the tagline, "This email was typed using #2HANDS."

We have to wonder again, as we did in the article from last year, if Mr. Belmonte is paving the way for another career in Hollywood. His videos make you ask the question... Is singular chiophobia real? We made the comparison to Orson Welles and "The War of the Worlds" radio broadcast from 1938 in that column. Although Welles famous broadcast contained a disclaimer at the beginning of the CBS radio broadcast, if you tuned in late there were many listeners who thought it was real, with creatures emerging from what Welles claimed to be alien spacecraft.

Hmmm. Resembles an alien species... One that bowls with two hands. Perhaps the networks should provide a disclaimer before any telecast that includes the "alien creature" known as Belmo?

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PBA 60 - "TOP 10" BOWLERS

by Frank Weiler

With two PBA 60 tournaments completed this season it is time to rate the "CURRENT" TOP 10 "SUPER SENIOR" bowlers in the world:

- 1. Walter Ray Williams Jr.** – Winner of the Tristan's T.A.P.S. Memorial Tournament completed at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl on July 5. Walter is an ALL-TIME GREAT and considered by many to be Bowling's G.O.A.T. He is just getting his feet wet as a Super Senior and while this was his first win on the PBA 60 Tour I believe he will someday be the winningest sixty year old on Tour, just as he leads every other PBA TOUR in wins.
- 2. John Marsala** – Winner of the first PBA 60 Tournament of the season at Sam's Town, John is a smooth lefty and threat to win any event he enters. After Parker Bohn III, many consider John the top left handed Senior bowler in the world.
- 3. Lennie Boresh Jr.** – Probably the most consistent Super Senior on Tour. He always seems to finish in the TOP 5 of every PBA 60 event. He was third in Las Vegas and second in Columbus.
- 4. Bo Goergen** – The big fello from Sanford, Michigan finished sixteenth in Las Vegas and fourth in Columbus.
- 5. Ron Mohr** – A threat to win any senior event. All Time leader with five PBA 60 Titles he finished 32nd in Las Vegas and third in Columbus.
- 6. Jack Jurek** – One of the smoothest bowlers to compete at any level and multiple PBA National Tour Champion he consistently finishes high in the rankings of every Senior Tournament he enters. He finished second in Las Vegas and fortieth in Columbus.
- 7. Pete Weber** – Pete Weber has done it all at every level. Probably the most feared competitor in Bowling history it is rumored that he stared down a rattle snake on a dare. I'll have to ask him about that at next years Senior Masters. Pete would have ranked higher but finished out of the Top 5 at Las Vegas and Columbus. He was ninth in Vegas and tenth in Columbus.
- 8. Mike Dias** – The crafty lefty finished sixteenth in Las Vegas and sixth in Columbus.
- 9. Amleto Monacelli** – Many would rate him higher based on his Hall of Fame career but I felt compelled to rank some the less famous super senior bowlers above him based on their performances in this season's first two PBA 60 events.
- 10. Tom Adcock** – The strong man hailing from Forsyth, Illinois is consistently finishing in the Top 20 in most PBA 60 events. He finished ninth in Las Vegas and seventeenth in Columbus. While some finished higher than Tom in one event they finished significantly lower than him in their second event.

There you have it. The Top bowlers currently competing in the PBA 60 tournaments. Bowlers who only competed in one of this season's PBA 60 events were not ranked. For example, John DiSantis finished fifth in Columbus but did not compete in Las Vegas.



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How about a sour pickle from a jar labeled sweet? My “shrink” once told me it’s all about genes. There are good ones and there are bad ones. Each individual’s gene mix are like “a box of chocolates”. While environment plays a roll in personality many cannot overcome their **gene pool** and succumb to their dark side. So, it’s all about genes? We are all configured differently. **A trillion** possibilities. Some of us are mel-low, some ferocious. Most of the the ferocious types are really nice people when you get to know them. Their real self is different then their public persona.

I believe that’s **PETE**. He’s a genuinely nice guy when you get to know him. To explain why I think the “inner” **PETE** is not what we see as the “outer” **PETE** I looked to the science. As **Doctor Fouche** frequently said: “follow the science”.

I began by exploring some psychological truisms which should better explain **PETE**. First, “Only good people get depressed”. If this is true it would definitely explain why **PETE** many times appears depressed and yet his friends, consider him to be a good guy and good friend. If the good are married to the blues, then **Pete** must be a good guy. Second, “There’s more to a man then meets the eye”. We know that there’s more to **PETE** than we see on the lanes.

We all know that an iceberg is 10% above water and 90% below water. I think this is a great analogy when describing **PETE**. He is a complicated man and appears to only listen to one voice, his own. He’s not a **chatterbox** and he’s not a sounding board. Whatever fuels his engine appears to be below the water line.

Finally, there is an association between genius and insanity, just as there is an association between the subconscious and performance. That’s why people who do crazy things are not necessarily crazy. That’s why Pete is so misunderstood. The real man behind the curtain is hidden from our sight by layers of defense mechanisms. That is layers of mental mannerisms that occur to ward off anxiety. Apparently in **PETE’s** case mental mannerisms that unconsciously improve performance.

The **ID**, one of the three elements of the human persona is the source of **PETE’s** psychic energy and his instinct to project a tough guy image. Pete’s tough guy persona is really a façade. It’s a subconscious mechanism attempting to counteract the **Superego** and its moral restraints and imperatives. I think unknowingly **PETE** really is a pussycat posing as a tough guy, a nice guy posing as a jackanapes. On the lanes his **ID** is overpowering his **Superego**.

There you have it. While **PETE** appears to be a jackanapes, he really is a **PUSSY CAT**. I like **PETE**. I like **PETE** because he is **PETE**.

View the full results here:
[PBA50 South Shore Classic | PBA](#)

2023 PBA50 SOUTH SHORE CLASSIC

FINAL STANDINGS:

- Michael Haggitt, \$8,000
- John Janawicz, \$4,000
- Ryan Shafer, \$3,000
- Glenn Smith, \$2,500
- Jason Couch, \$2,000

MATCH SCORES

- Match 1 – Shafer def. Couch 249-246
- Match 2 – Shafer def. Smith 215-207
- Match 3 – Janawicz def. Shafer 247-210
- Championship match – Haggitt def. Janawicz 237-219.

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keep his lead. He maintained the small lead through seven frames.

Knowing he would finish on the left lane that he felt was hooking more than the right lane, Haggitt “moved my target away from me and smoothed it out a little bit.” That seemed to be the right decision as he ended the game with five straight strikes, four on the left lane alone, for the 237-219 win. He averaged 257.33 for his 12 games of bowling on Thursday.

“Getting a (champions) banner is everyone’s goal and I can’t really explain this feeling,” the Springfield, Ohio native said.

In the opening match, lefty Jason Couch needed a double in the 10th frame against Ryan Shafer to advance. He got the first strike then left the 7-9 on his second shot to lose by three, 249-246. Shafer, who used the new Teal Rhino Pro on the right lane and Trouble Maker on the left lane, put together four straight strikes in frames seven through the first shot in the tenth to defeat Glenn Smith, who was making his first stepladder finals appearance, 215-207.

In the semifinal match, Janawicz struck on his first six shots, while Shafer didn’t strike until the sixth and seventh frames. Janawicz finished that match off 247-210.

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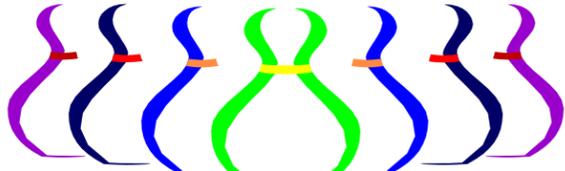
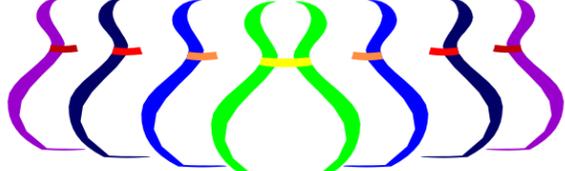
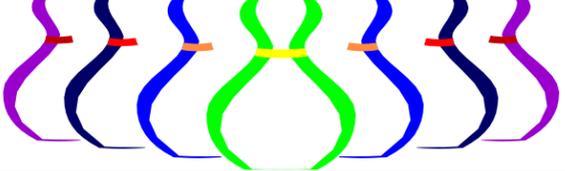
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PBA50 World Series of Bowling

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The standard events will be contested on 36-foot, 40-foot and 46-foot oil patterns, each named after their respective Hall of Famers. Eight-game qualifying blocks will determine the 16 advancers to bracket match play for each event.

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After the cumulative 24 games of qualifying, the top third of the field will compete in a six-game advancers round in the PBA50 World Championship, which will determine the 18 round-robin match play finalists. Players will compete on the 45-foot Weber pattern during World Championship advancer and match play rounds.

The action gets underway Sunday morning with PBA50 Ballard Championship qualifying. A-squad takes the lanes at 9 a.m. ET, while B-squad begins at 4 p.m. ET.

All rounds will be livestreamed on BowITV.

PBA50 WSOB SCHEDULE

JAX 60 | Jackson, Mich. All times listed in Eastern.

Sunday, July 16 | PBA50 Ballard Championship Qualifying

- 9 a.m. — A-squad Qualifying Round (eight games)
- 4 p.m. — B-squad Qualifying Round (eight games)
- Top 16 players advance to PBA50 Ballard Championship match play

Monday, July 17 | PBA50 Monacelli Championship Qualifying

- 9 a.m. — B-squad Qualifying Round (eight games)
- 4 p.m. — A-squad Qualifying Round (eight games)
- Top 16 players advance to PBA50 Monacelli Championship match play

Tuesday, July 18 | PBA50 Petraglia Championship Qualifying

- 9 a.m. — A-squad Qualifying Round (eight games)
- 4 p.m. — B-squad Qualifying Round (eight games)
- Top 16 players advance to PBA50 Petraglia Championship match play
- Top one-third of players after all 24 games advance to PBA50 World Championship advancers round

Wednesday, July 19 | PBA50 Ballard Championship Bracket Match Play

- Noon — Round of 16 (best-of-five games)
- 3 p.m. — Round of Eight (best-of-three games)
- 5 p.m. — Semifinals (best-of-three games)
- 6 p.m. — Finals (best-of-three games)

Thursday, July 20 | PBA50 Monacelli Championship Bracket Match Play

- Noon — Round of 16 (best-of-five games)
- 3 p.m. — Round of Eight (best-of-three games)
- 5 p.m. — Semifinals (best-of-three games)
- 6 p.m. — Finals (best-of-three games)

Friday, July 21 | PBA50 Petraglia Championship Bracket Match Play

- Noon — Round of 16 (best-of-five games)
- 3 p.m. — Round of Eight (best-of-three games)
- 5 p.m. — Semifinals (best-of-three games)
- 6 p.m. — Finals (best-of-three games)

Saturday, July 22 | PBA50 World Championship

- 9 a.m. — Advancers Round (six games)
- Top 18 players advance
- 2 p.m. — Match Play Round 1 (six games)

Saturday, July 23 | PBA50 World Championship

- 9 a.m. — Match Play Round 2 (six games)
- 2 p.m. — Match Play Round 3 (six games)
- Top five players advance
- 6 p.m. — Stepladder finals

More information on the PBA50 World Series of Bowling is available [here](#).

2023 PWBA TOUR SCHEDULE

With dates, event, center, location and broadcast channel (subject to change):

July 27-30, PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, BowITV

Aug. 8-10, PWBA Waterloo Classic - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa, BowITV

Aug. 11-12, PWBA Pepsi Classic - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa, BowITV

Aug. 13-15, PWBA Tour Championship - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa, National TV



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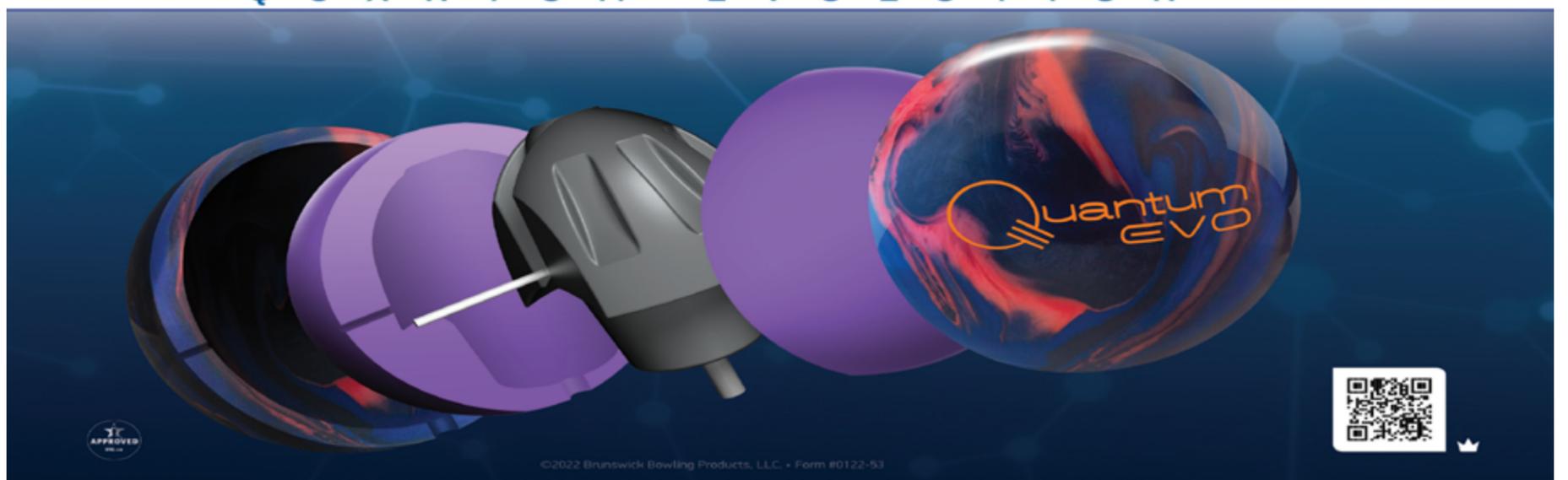


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