Dick Ritger Wins Fair Lanes PBA Stop

Dick Ritger, seeded number one in the Fair Lanes PBA \$70,000 Open at Towson last month, successfully defended his title with a 237-192 victory over Johnny Petraglia on national television.

Two interesting facts arise from Ritger's win. First, he is the first Fair Lanes champion to win back to back; and, second, he defeated the first Fair Lanes champion. Johnny Petraglia won the first Open in 1971 when it was held at Springfield.

Bobby Meadows won the second Open, also at Springfield; Ritger took the third at Towson.

The unnofficial word from Fair Lanes is that the Open will be returned to Springfield next year.



THE CHAMP MEETS A CHALLENGER. Dick Ritger, who successfully defended his Fair Lanes championship, chats with Dave Wesp of Alexandria who won one of the rolloffs for a spot in the professional division of the PBA tour stop.