

Fair Lanes Open Championship Round History

Jim Stefanich won the first PBA event sponsored by Fair Lanes in the summer of 1966. Since 1971 the Fair Lanes Open has been a regular stop on the PBA Winter Tour, with its championship round seen by millions on ABC's "Pro Bowlers Tour." The following is a yearly summary. How many events can you recall?

1971 - Springfield \$60,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Johnny Petraglia, Brooklyn, N.Y.	204	(1-game total)	\$7,000
2. Earl Anthony, Tacoma, Wash.	421	(2-game total)	4,000
3. Bob Strampe, Detroit, Mich.	644	(3-game total)	2,500
4. Dick Battista, Astoria, N.Y.	210	(1-game total)	2,000
5. Jack Biondolillo, Houston, Tex.	194	(1-game total)	1,800

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Strampe defeated Biondolillo, 209-194; Strampe defeated Battista, 221-210; Anthony defeated Strampe, 224-214; and in the championship game Petraglia defeated Anthony, 204-197.

1974 - Towson \$70,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Dick Ritger, Hartford, Wisc.	237	(1-game total)	\$7,500
2. Johnny Petraglia, Brooklyn, N.Y.	611	(3-game total)	4,000
3. Larry Laub, San Francisco, Calif.	199	(1-game total)	3,000
4. Sam Flanagan, Parkersburg, W.Va.	397	(2-game total)	2,500
5. Alex Seymore, Annapolis, N.C.	172	(1-game total)	2,000

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Flanagan defeated Seymore, 205-172; Petraglia defeated Flanagan, 218-192; Petraglia defeated Laub, 200-199; and in the championship game Ritger defeated Petraglia, 237-193.

1972 - Springfield \$60,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Bobby Meadows, Houston, Tex.	402	(2-game total)	\$7,000
2. Johnny Petraglia, Brooklyn, N.Y.	187	(1-game total)	4,000
3. Curt Schmidt, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	578	(3-game total)	2,500
4. Bob Collatos, Ft. Worth, Tex.	174	(1-game total)	2,000
5. Skee Forensky, Houston, Tex.	178	(1-game total)	1,800

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Schmidt defeated Forensky, 202-178; Schmidt defeated Collatos, 202-174; Meadows defeated Schmidt, 207-174; and in the championship game, Meadows defeated Petraglia, 195-187.

1975 - Springfield \$70,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Gary Dickinson, Ft. Worth, Tex.	497	(2-game total)	\$7,500
2. Dick Weber, St. Louis, Mo.	218	(1-game total)	4,000
3. Earl Anthony, Tacoma, Wash.	750	(3-game total)	3,000
4. Gary Mage, Seattle, Wash.	201	(1-game total)	2,500
5. Fred Conner, Mar Vista, Calif.	246	(1-game total)	2,000

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Anthony and Conner tied, 246-246, and Anthony won a two-frame (9th and 10th) rolloff, 36-28; Anthony defeated Mage, 289-201; Dickinson defeated Anthony, 256-215; and in the championship game Dickinson defeated Weber, 241-218.

1973 - Towson \$60,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Dick Ritger, Hartford, Wisc.	441	(2-game total)	\$7,000
2. Don McCune, Munster, Ind.	222	(1-game total)	4,000
3. Don Johnson, Akron, Ohio	616	(3-game total)	2,500
4. Bobby Knipple, Long Beach, Calif.	192	(1-game total)	2,000
5. Ernie Schlegel, Newburgh, N.Y.	190	(1-game total)	1,800

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Johnson defeated Schlegel, 192-190; Johnson defeated Knipple, 235-192; Ritger defeated Johnson, 216-189; and in the championship game Ritger defeated McCune, 225-222.

1976 - Towson \$70,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Curt Schmidt, Fort Wayne, Ind.	442	(2-game total)	\$8,000
2. Dave Davis, Atlanta, Ga.	163	(1-game total)	4,400
3. Ernie Schlegel, U.S.A.	673	(3-game total)	3,300
4. Bobby Jacks, New Orleans, La.	214	(1-game total)	2,700
5. Billy Hardwick, Louisville, Ky.	197	(1-game total)	2,200

PLAYOFF RESULTS: Schlegel defeated Hardwick, 256-197, Schlegel defeated Jacks, 225-214; Schmidt defeated Schlegel, 196-192; and in the championship game Schmidt defeated Davis, 246-163.

1977 - Springfield
\$75,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Tommy Hudson, Akron, Ohio	246	(1-game total)	\$8,000
2. Don Bell, Santa Maria, Ca.	645	(3-game total)	5,000
3. Louis Moore, Columbus, Ohio	247	(1-game total)	4,000
4. Ernie Schlegel, U.S.A.	381	(2-game total)	3,500
5. Cliff McNealy, San Lorenzo, Ca.	186	(1-game total)	3,000

PLAYOFF RESULTS: Schlegel defeated McNealy, 214-186; Bell defeated Schlegel, 192-167; Bell defeated Moore, 259-247; and in the championship game, Hudson defeated Bell, 246-194.

1978 - Towson
\$75,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Butch Soper, Santa Ana, Ca	199	(1-game total)	\$9,000
2. George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C.	412	(2-game total)	5,000
3. Dave Soutar, Kansas City, Mo.	733	(3-game total)	4,000
4. Gil Sliker, Washington, N.J.	210	(1-game total)	3,500
5. Ed DiTolla, Maywood, N.J.	201	(1-game total)	3,000

PLAYOFF RESULTS: Soutar defeated DiTolla, 247-201; DiTolla defeated Sliker, 259-210; Pappas defeated Soutar, 228-227; and in the championship game Soper defeated Pappas, 199-184.

1979 - University
\$80,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Larry Laub, San Francisco	445	(2-game total)	\$10,000
2. Paul Moser, Somerset, Mass.	199	(1-game total)	6,000
3. Teata Semiz, River Edge, N.J.	677	(3-game total)	4,000
4. George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C.	223	(1-game total)	3,500
5. Keith Craycraft, New Martinsville, WV	224	(1-game total)	3,000

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Semiz defeated Craycraft, 258-224; Semiz defeated Pappas, 226-223; Laub defeated Semiz, 196-193; and in the championship game Laub defeated Moser, 249-199.

1980 - University
\$90,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Nelson Burton Jr., St. Louis, Mo.	200	(1-game total)	\$11,000
2. Matt Surina, Seattle, Wash.	621	(3-game total)	6,000
3. Mike Aulby, Indianapolis, Ind.	167	(1-game total)	5,000
4. Teata Semiz, River Edge, N.J.	387	(2-game total)	4,000
5. Steve Hiscox, Tucson, Ariz.	165	(1-game total)	3,500

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Semiz defeated Hiscox, 178-165; Surina defeated Semiz, 234-209; Surina defeated Aulby, 193-167; and in the championship game Burton defeated Surina, 200-194.

1981 - Woodlawn
\$100,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Wayne Webb, Tucson, Ariz.	232	(1-game total)	\$13,000
2. Steve Martin, Kingsport, Tenn.	444	(2-game total)	7,500
3. Jay Robinson, Van Nuys, Calif.	622	(3-game total)	5,500
4. Steve Sipe, Falls Church, Va.	202	(1-game total)	4,500
5. Mark Fahy, Chicago, Ill.	193	(1-game total)	4,000

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Robinson defeated Fahy, 196-193; Robinson defeated Sipe, 236-202; Martin defeated Robinson, 213-190; and in the championship game Webb defeated Martin, 232-231.

1982 - Capital Plaza
\$110,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Mal Acosta, Hayward, Calif.	229	(1-game total)	\$15,000
2. Tommy Hudson, Akron, Ohio	403	(2-game total)	8,000
3. Larry Laub, Santa Rosa, Calif.	405	(2-game total)	6,000
4. Tom Laskow, Commack, N.Y.	375	(2-game total)	5,000
5. Kent Wagner, Allentown, Pa.	184	(1-game total)	4,000

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Laskow defeated Wagner, 213-184; Laub defeated Laskow, 213-162; Hudson defeated Laub, 214-192; and in the championship game Acosta defeated Hudson, 229-189.

1983 - Woodlawn
\$120,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Art Trask, Fresno, Calif.	943	(4-game total)	\$18,000
2. Earl Anthony, Dublin, Calif.	202	(1-game total)	9,500
3. Pete Couture, Windsor Locks, Conn.	192	(1-game total)	6,600
4. Butch Soper, Newport Beach, Calif.	205	(1-game total)	5,500
5. Ray Shackelford, Fredericksburg, VA	179	(1-game total)	4,500

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Trask defeated Shackelford, 228-179; Trask defeated Soper, 213-205; Trask defeated Couture, 227-192; and in the championship game Trask defeated Anthony, 275-202.

1984 - Capital Plaza
\$125,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Dale Eagle, Chicago, Ill.	431	(2-game total)	\$18,000
2. Art Trask, Fresno, Calif.	199	(1-game total)	9,500
3. Dennis Jacques, Belford, N.J.	565	(3-game total)	7,000
4. Steve Wunderlich, St. Louis, Mo.	158	(1-game total)	5,500
5. Bob Handley, Pompano Beach, Fla.	185	(1-game total)	4,500

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Jacques defeated Handley, 219-185; Jacques defeated Wunderlich, 191-158; Eagle defeated Jacques, 199-155; and in the championship game Eagle defeated Trask, 232-199.

1985 - Woodlawn
\$130,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Wayne Webb, Indianapolis, Ind.	196	(1-game total)	\$20,000
2. Mark Williams, Beaumont, Tex.	540	(3-game total)	11,000
3. Henry Gonzalez, Colo. Springs, Co.	180	(1-game total)	7,500
4. Bob Handley, Pompano Beach, FL	398	(2-game total)	6,000
5. Charlie Tapp, S. St. Paul, Minn.	190	(1-game total)	5,000

PLAYOFF RESULTS—Handley defeated Tapp, 215-190; Williams defeated Handley, 196-183; Williams defeated Gonzalez, 194-180; and in the championship game Webb defeated Williams, 196-150.

1986 - Woodlawn
\$130,000 Fair Lanes Open

1. Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Stockton, Ca.	464	(2-game total)	\$20,000
2. Gil Sliker, Sarasota, Fla.	204	(1-game total)	11,000
3. Bobby Knipple, Long Beach, Ca.	644	(3-game total)	7,500
4. Jimmie Pritts, Jr., Lawrence, Ma.	148	(1-game total)	6,000
5. Rod Pasteur, Atlanta	235	(1-game total)	5,000

PLAYOFF RESULTS — Knipple defeated Pasteur, 254-235; Knipple defeated Pritts, 222-148; Williams defeated Knipple, 245-168; and in the championship game Williams defeated Sliker, 219-204.