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March 9 PWBA Eastern Pennsylvania Regional
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March 9-10 ITC Sectionals - Region 3 (Smyrna, Tenn.)
March 9-10 ITC Sectionals - Region 4 (Dallas)
March 16-17 TNBA - Rhodman (Central)
March 16-17 TNBA - Rhodman (Southern)
March 22-24 SWAC Championship
March 23-24 TNBA - Rhodman (Eastern)
March 23-24 TNBA - Rhodman (Western)
March 24-31 USBC Masters
March 24 USA Bowling (Northeast)

APRIL

April 3-4 Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship
April 5-6 NCAA Regional
April 6-7 Club National Championship
April 6-8 PBA World Series of Bowling - Cheetah Championship
April 9-10 PBA World Series of Bowling - Scorpion Championship
April 11-12 PBA World Series of Bowling - Shark Championship
April 12-15 USBC Senior Queens
April 13-14 PBA World Series of Bowling - World Championship
April 15-17 Intercollegiate Singles Championships
April 17-20 Intercollegiate Team Championships
April 20 PWBA Rhode Island Regional

MAY

May 2-4 PWBA GoBowling! Twin Cities Open
May 8-11 PWBA Bowlers Journal Rockford Open
May 15-21 USBC Queens
May 15 PWBA Hall of Fame Ceremony
May 24-27 U22 Masters and Queens
May 28-30 PWBA Greater Nashville Classic
May 29-June 2 USBC Super Senior Classic
May 31-June 1 PWBA BowITV Classic

JUNE

June 2-3 PWBA Music City Classic
June 3-9 USBC Senior Masters
June 6-8 PWBA Southern Indiana Open
June 11-18 U.S. Women's Open

JULY

July 2-5 PBA60 Tristan's Memorial Open
July 12-13 USA Bowling National Championships
July 12-20 Junior Gold Championships - Youth
July 13 Junior Gold Championships - Trade Show
July 14-19 Bud Moore PBA50 Players Championship
July 14 PWBA Oklahoma Regional
July 14 Junior Gold Championships - Party/Opening
July 25-28 PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles

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The 120th edition of the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships has made its return to the incredible South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, and it's time for you to take in the Ultimate Bowling Experience!



The tournament will make its fifth trip to the 60-lane venue in 2024 to go along with recent visits in 2017, 2019, 2021 and 2022. The USBC Open Championships now has made seven appearances in Sin City, which also includes stops in 1986 and 2009.

If you're reading this, you already know that the Bowling Plaza is part of the sprawling facility off Interstate 15 that gleams as a golden palace of Las Vegas – the South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa.

South Point is well-known for being a favorite stop of locals of Clark County, and it quickly has become a fan favorite for bowlers, friends and family at the Open Championships.

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- There's a **16**-screen movie complex on-site with all the latest and greatest flicks (and most importantly, a snack bar with popcorn and all the must-have favorites).
- South Point features **11** restaurants with enough variety to please any palate and includes the award-winning Michael's Gourmet Room.
- There are **TWO** hot dog carts on-site at South Point, including one that makes its home at the Bowling Plaza (if you know, you know).

There's also an equestrian center that features several events during the run of the Open Championships, and a separate 64-lane bowling center located on the property that offers a couple different options for you (check out the information about the Bowlers Journal Championships and team practice sessions on Page 29).

To learn more about this amazing property, be sure to visit SouthPointCasino.com.

We know you'll be exploring the city, too, and there's a reason why Las Vegas is known as the Entertainment Capital of the World.

We could spend a couple pages telling you all about the Hoover Dam, the newest spots for food, fun and more on the Las Vegas Strip or about the sights, sounds and places to be along Fremont Street.

We could talk about places like Allegiant Stadium (home of the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders), T-Mobile Arena (home of the

LIVIN' IT UP IN LAS VEGAS

NHL's Vegas Golden Knights) or the Sphere, which has had plenty of buzz as a new music and entertainment arena at the Venetian Resort. Unrelated, the 1.2 million LEDs could probably make the world's largest bowling ball, right?

We could go in-depth about why destinations like the Neon Museum, Meow Wolf's Omega Mart or the Mob Museum should be on someone's list to check out, too.

Our friends at VisitLasVegas.com are the experts in this realm, however, and they already have an extensive website dedicated to experiencing Las Vegas.

From the latest updates about artist residencies and shows to finding the top restaurants and cocktail lounges, they know about everything taking place around town. They feature a ton of suggestions for outdoor adventures and shopping expeditions, and ... if you're feeling spontaneous ... recommendations on planning your Las Vegas wedding!

For a quick trip to their website, grab your phone and scan the QR code below to start putting together your plans for your time away from the Open Championships!



Scan this QR code to check out their page for additional information.

Looking ahead in this year's program book, you'll be able to find a recap of the 2023 Open Championships with a feature on the incredible performance by Nick Kruml and his teammates on K and J Finishing 1, a glance into the future for the 2025 tournament in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and a celebration of participation for the great Glenn Allison and all of the bowlers on the verge of 50 years, 100,000

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In addition to the latest news and notes, the tournament's social media channels also are the place to follow more of the tournament experience around the spacious South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa and check out highlights around Las Vegas.

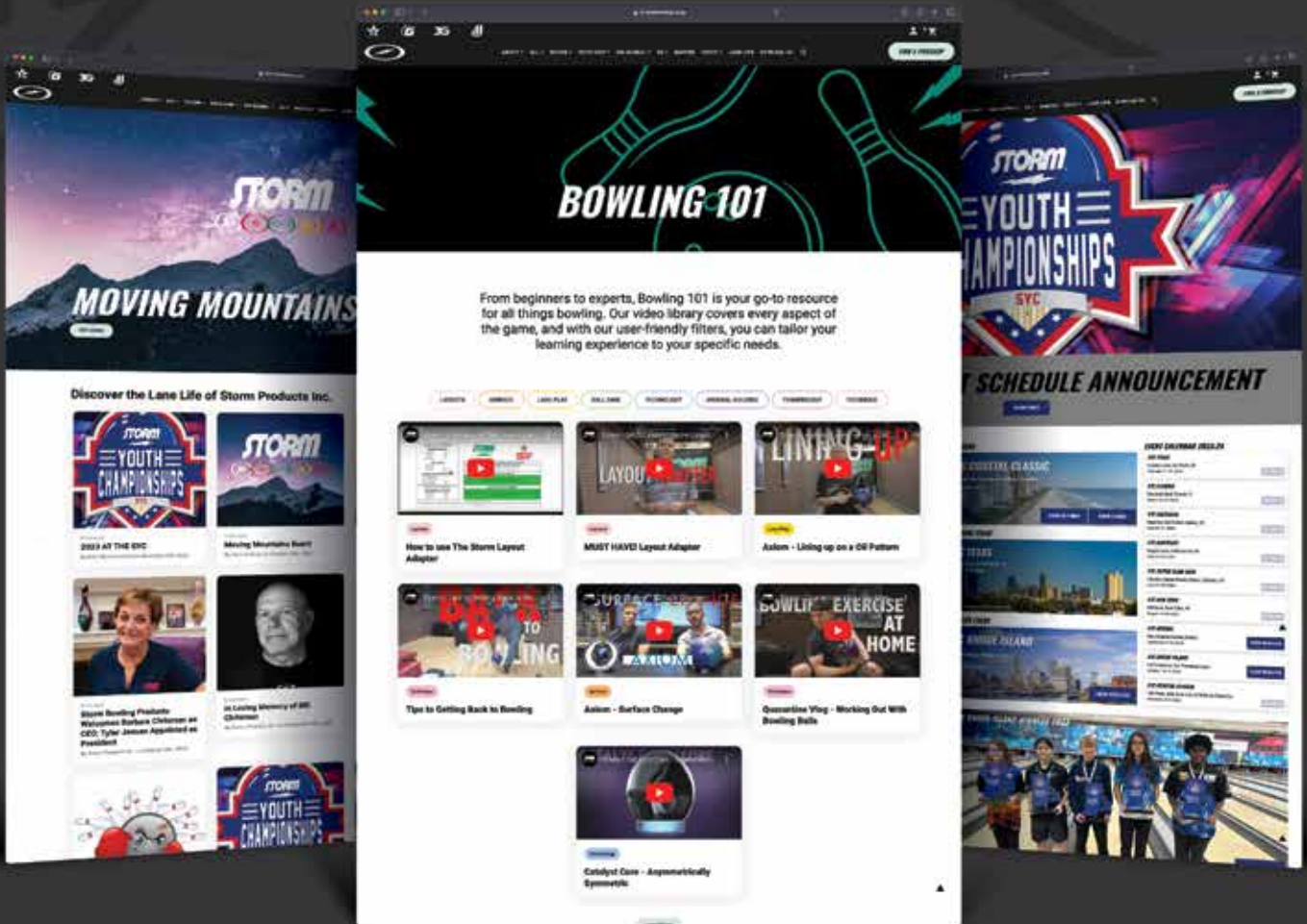
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pins and more.

We hope you enjoy your time on and off the lanes for the 2024 Open Championships, and we're excited to see you share your experiences, too.

Be sure to use the hashtag #USBCOpen when sharing your photos online, and follow along with all the news by checking out our Facebook (USBC- Open Championships), Instagram (@openchampionships) and X (@USBC_OC) accounts for the tournament.



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RENO RECAPPED

The USBC Open Championships returned to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, for the first time since 2016 last year, and the anticipation to see the recently remodeled Taj Mahal of Tenpins and compete in the famed venue helped bring more than 9,500 teams and 47,000 bowlers to the 2023 event.

The return to the NBS also brought a pair of challenging lane conditions across the 143-day event. The scoring pace may have been a little lower in some events compared to the 2022 tournament in Las Vegas, but the buzz and excitement around the top scores never ceased across social media and throughout the vast five-story facility.

After the final ball was rolled, champions across the three average-based divisions were determined, and the tournament's history book was updated with the latest group of Eagle winners.

One competitor – Nick Kruml of St. Peters, Missouri – captured a pair of titles in 2023, and Cincinnati's Kenny Abner added to his already impressive resume by winning his third Eagle.

In addition to Kruml, 29 additional bowlers also captured their first victories at the Open Championships.

Learn more about the strikes, spares and everything between from The Biggest Little City in the World!

A FAMILY TRADITION IN TEAM

Jeff Fehr and RJ Pollard know what it takes to win at an event

like the Open Championships – it's in their blood.

Both of Fehr's parents – Steve and Nancy – are members of the USBC Hall of Fame. Steve's credentials include five Eagles at the Open Championships to go along with his victory at the 1994 Masters. Nancy is a three-time winner at the USBC Women's Championships.

Pollard's father (Ron) and uncle (Rick) also are members of the USBC Hall of Fame. Ron and Rick were victorious in Team All-Events at the 1996 Open Championships, and they're not the only Pollards to find their way to the winner's circle at the national level.

RJ's aunt – Regina Pollard-Strawser – has collected three titles at the Women's Championships, and RJ was able to watch his wife (Jamie) and aunt (Vicky) win Classified Doubles at the 2015 Open Championships.

Jeff and RJ joined the family business in 2023, and they did so in resounding fashion alongside Kenny Abner, Charles Easton and Bill O'Neill to capture the Regular Team title with the second highest team series in tournament history.

The members of Cincinnati's Riding Kenny's Coattails fired games of 1,228, 1,188 and 1,162 at the National Bowling Stadium for an incredible 3,578 total.

Easton helped to get things going in Game 1 with 300, while Fehr added 278 and Abner posted 267. In Game 2, Fehr led the charge with 268, and Easton had 267. O'Neill paced the effort in Game 3 with 268, while Pollard bounced back with 248.

Fehr finished with a 778 series and was followed by Easton (773), Abner (723), O'Neill (692) and Pollard (612).

They collected the victory in 2023 by 129 pins, and their performance is second only to the 3,720 total posted by Artistic Expressions 1 at the 2014 Open Championships.

Abner previously had won titles in 2006 (Regular Team) and 2007 (Team All-Events) alongside Steve Fehr, while Easton



Riding Kenny's Coattails (from left): RJ Pollard, Jeff Fehr, Kenny Abner, Charles Easton, Bill O'Neill





David Simard

Only one of those competitors was able to eclipse the 800 mark on the tricky doubles and singles oil pattern rolled out at the NBS. That individual was David Simard of Granby, Quebec, Canada, and his performance helped him collect the victory in Regular Singles with an 813 series.

Simard fired games of 290, 257 and 266 on his way to the win. The excitement started for Simard in doubles, however, as he finished his set with 299 for a 723 series.

That's right – he went 299, 290, 257 and 266. Simard averaged 278 for his final four games and tossed 39 strikes across his final 46 deliveries.

He posted a 680 series in team to finish as the runner-up in Regular All-Events with 2,216.

Simard's showing also makes him the first competitor from Canada to win Regular Singles since 1916 when Toronto's Sam Schliman recorded the victory to become the tournament's first foreign champion.

SLOW START, FANTASTIC FINISH IN DOUBLES

DeeRonn Booker of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mark Curtis Jr. of Chattanooga, Tennessee, started their doubles set at the 2023 Open Championships with games of 213 and 168, respectively.

The longtime friends may have fallen behind the scoring pace after Game 1, but they quickly turned things around during the final two games to win Regular Doubles with a 1,482 total.

So, how did they go from a 381 total after the first game to a final tally of 1,482?

They combined to throw 40 strikes over 47 attempts in Games 2 and 3 to average more than 275 down the stretch.

Booker finished with 289 and 258 for a 760 series, while Curtis bounced back with 274 and 280 for a 722 set.

The flurry of strikes in the final two games helped Booker and Curtis to the top spot by 44 pins, and they finished as one of just three pairs to reach 1,400 in 2023.

Booker and Curtis also had the shortest time to wait of any champion in 2023. They posted their score on July 22, just two days before the final ball was rolled in Reno.

TOP SCORES IN STANDARD

Competition in the Standard Division continues to provide plenty of excitement, and the top performances in 2023 featured one record score and nine first-time winners.

The record score belonged to the members of Irvine Team 1 of Corona, California. They put together the highest team game (1,187) since the introduction of the Standard Division in 2017 on the way to the title with a 3,016 score.

added an Eagle to go along with back-to-back USBC National High Average Awards (2019-2020 and 2020-2021).

O'Neill, who won his 14th Professional Bowlers Association Tour title at the 2024 PBA Players Championship, added another team victory to his collection with his first win at the Open Championships. He won multiple gold medals in team competition during his tenure on Team USA and is a two-time PBA League Elias Cup champion.

K AND J FINISHING 1 REWRITES LEADERBOARD

Posting a single top 10 at the Open Championships usually makes for a good year.

The members of K and J Finishing 1 of Carpentersville, Illinois, finished the 2023 event with nine of them (yes, nine) on the way to arguably one of the most impressive team performances in tournament history to win Team All-Events by 376 pins with a 10,394 total.

The phenomenal display of teamwork was led by Nick Kruml's 2,242 all-events total, which also netted him the victory in Regular All-Events. He was joined in the winning effort by Ryne Greenwood (2,162), Christopher Wiley (2,134), Nick Pate (1,969) and Zachary Woelfel (1,887).

Be sure to flip over to Page 15 to read more about their incredible run, but for now, check out the team's top 10s:

- First – Team All-Events (10,394)
- First – Nick Kruml, Regular All-Events (2,242)
- Second – Nick Kruml and Christopher Wiley, Regular Doubles (1,438)
- Second – Nick Kruml, Regular Singles (795)
- Third – Regular Team (3,433)
- Fourth – Ryne Greenwood, Regular All-Events (2,162)
- Fifth – Christopher Wiley, Regular Singles (762)
- Sixth – Christopher Wiley, Regular All-Events (2,134)
- Eighth – Ryne Greenwood, Regular Singles (757)

SIMARD SHINES IN SINGLES

We mentioned on the previous page that more than 47,000 bowlers competed in 2023.



Hull Point Pursuit (from left): Michael Hull, Tim Macias, Ryan Hailey, Chris Hull, John Hull



Mark Curtis Jr. and DeeRonn Booker

The team – featuring Erick Podwill, Andrea Fredericks, Dave Ellsworth, Greg Bill and Greg Nardo – had their big game out of the gates. Podwill led the way with 254, while Ellsworth and Bill fired matching 245s. Nardo had 222 in Game 1, and Fredericks added 221.

The group slowed down in the following games, posting 869 and 960, but it was enough to record the only score north of 3,000 in the division and claim the victory.

Podwill also led Irvine Team 1 with a 644 series, and Bill followed with 620. Nardo finished with 598, and Fredericks and Ellsworth came in with 579 and 575, respectively.

In Standard Singles, Michelle Dabkowski of Lexington, South Carolina, turned an incredible start into her first win at the Open Championships with a 715 series.

She started Game 1 with seven strikes on the way to 255 and didn't slow down in Game 2. Dabkowski followed with 10 consecutive strikes for 286.

The strikes slowed down for Dabkowski in Game 3, but she filled frames and had just one open to finish with 174 to win by the slimmest margin of all champions in 2023 – three pins.

Matthew Grunzke of Albert Lea, Minnesota, posted the top all-events score in his 21 years of participating at the Open Championships during the 2023 event, and the performance helped him record the victory in Standard All-Events with a 1,926 total.

He rolled three sets above 600 – 674 in team, 637 in singles and 615 in doubles – to not only surpass 1,800 for the first time, but 1,900, too.

Grunzke was the only competitor in the Standard Division to reach 1,900 at the NBS, and he collected the win by 48 pins.

The pair of Damon Horst of Oswego, Illinois, and Ryan Liddell of Palos Hills, Illinois, were steady across their set and strong in their 10th frames to post the top score in Standard Doubles with 1,261.

They combined for 12 strikes over 16 shots during their final frames in the set with Horst leading the way with games of 234, 220 and 214 for a 668 series. Liddell added 213, 200

and 180 for 593.

Horst finished in third place for Standard All-Events with 1,862 (641 in doubles and 553 in team), and the pair also helped Starr Pro Shoppe #1 to a ninth-place finish in Standard Team (2,892).

CATCHING UP ON CLASSIFIED

Imagine posting your score and taking the lead at the Open Championships, and then realizing there's still more than 100 days of competition left to go.

That's exactly what happened for the winners in Classified Team, Classified All-Events and Classified Doubles in 2023. Each winning score was posted by April 15 and held until the conclusion of the tournament in late July.

The team score was rolled in late March as the members of Hull Point Pursuit of Kasilof, Alaska, made their way to the top of the leaderboard with a 2,700 total. The group was consistent across their three games, posting scores of 898, 896 and 906 to earn the victory.

John Hull paced the team with a 621 series and was joined by Tim Macias (555), Michael Hull (516), Ryan Hailey (507) and Chris Hull (501).

Doug Willmann of Olivette, Missouri, was up next, taking over the lead in Classified All-Events during the second week of April to collect his first Eagle with 1,753.

Willmann started strong in team, firing a 639 series. Although he slowed down to start doubles (522), a 243 finish in singles



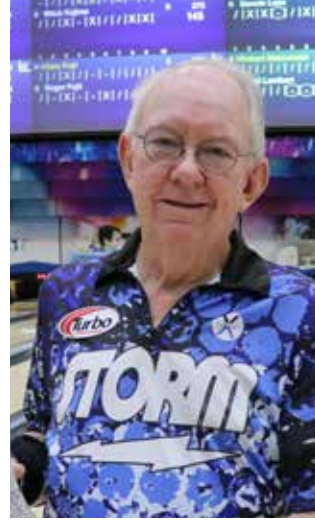
Irvine Team 1 (from left): Erick Podwill, Andrea Fredericks, Dave Ellsworth, Greg Bill, Greg Nardo



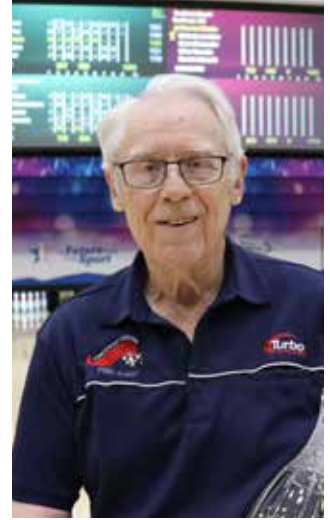
Bill Spigner



Bob Chamberlain Sr.



Dennis Lane



Robert Brissette

helped propel him to a 592 set.

As tax day hit the 2023 Open Championships, Charles Garcia of Fremont, California, and Benny Sangalang of Hayward, California, cashed in on a big start to take the lead in Classified Doubles with a 1,218 total.

Garcia posted games of 265, 164 and 199 for a 628 series, and Sangalang added 212, 175 and 203 for a 590 set to record the win.

The pair also finished in second place in Classified Team with Drink N Roll of Chula Vista, California (2,649), and Garcia added a third-place finish in Classified All-Events with 1,731.

The scoring pace in Classified Singles began to heat up as summer approached, and Bobby Johnson of Villa Rica, Georgia, was able to post the top score in late June with 657.

Johnson started his set with a pair of 225 games to put himself in position to take the lead, and he sealed the deal with three late strikes to finish with 207.

100,000 REASONS TO CELEBRATE

The 2023 Open Championships featured an unprecedented display of dedication to the sport as four competitors joined the 100,000-Pin Club, bringing the number of members in the fabled group to 29.

USBC Hall of Famer Bob Chamberlain Sr. of The Villages, Florida, was the first to reach the pinfall plateau in 2023, and he now sits at 100,554 pins in 55 appearances for a lifetime average of 201.1.

Chamberlain helped Stroh's Beer win the 1980 Regular Team title, and he rolled a 300 game during singles competition at the 2011 event.

The final three competitors all reached the milestone during a 10-day stretch in May, starting with Robert Brissette of Petersburg, Michigan.

Brissette made his 59th appearance in 2023, so he'll be back in the spotlight for his 60th trip in 2024. He'll enter the 2024

event with 101,000 pins for a career average of 190.2.

Dennis Lane of Kingsport, Tennessee, earned his crystal pin during his doubles set, and he has toppled 100,336 pins through 55 appearances. Lane has averaged 203.5 over the course of his impressive career on the tournament lanes.

The final competitor to achieve the feat in 2023 was USBC Hall of Famer Bill Spigner of Vernon Hills, Illinois.

Spigner, a 1996 Team All-Events champion with Pollard's Bowl, joined the club in his 55th appearance as well and now has a career pinfall of 100,399 for an average of 200.7 at the event.

NEWS, NOTES AND NUMBERS

There was plenty to celebrate during the 2023 Open Championships. Here are some more highlights from The Biggest Little City in the World!

- USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Glenn Allison of Corona, California, tied the participation record at the Open Championships after making his 71st appearance in 2023. He also added to his pinfall total and is third on the all-time list with 122,954. Read more about Allison as he prepares for more history on Page 31.

- Frank Clay of Crystal Lake, Illinois, and Clinton Zavakos of Henderson, Nevada, also moved up on the participation list and competed in their 68th Open Championships. Both are members of the 100,000-Pin Club and now are one of nine in tournament history to reach 68 years.

- In addition to Simard's winning performance, two other bowlers put together 800s in 2023. Christopher Tuholski of Battle Ground, Washington, was the first to achieve the feat when he posted 804 during his team event. Mykel Holliman of Denham Springs, Louisiana, also connected for an 800 set in team. Powered by a 300 in Game 2, he finished with 813. Holliman was one of 15 bowlers to roll a perfect game during the 2023 event.



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THE TOP PERFORMERS FROM THE 2023 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

More than 47,000 competitors made their way to the famed National Bowling Stadium to compete at the 2023 Open Championships in Reno, Nevada. Here's a look at the top five in each of the tournament's three average-based divisions (Regular, Standard and Classified).

REGULAR DIVISION

Team (combined averages of 876 and above)

1. Riding Kenny's Coattails, Cincinnati, 3,578
2. The Bowling Shops 1, Highland Village, Texas, 3,449
3. K and J Finishing 1, Carpentersville, Ill., 3,433
4. Bowlers Connection 1, Glendale Heights, Ill., 3,430
5. Chili Garlic Edamame, Las Vegas, 3,422

Doubles (combined averages of 351 and above)

1. DeeRonn Booker, Albuquerque, N.M., and Mark Curtis Jr., Chattanooga, Tenn., 1,482
2. Nick Kruml, St. Peters, Mo., and Christopher Wiley, Bettendorf, Iowa, 1,438
3. Julian Brown, Jonesboro, Ga., and Zack Carter, Des Plaines, Ill., 1,401
4. Scott Kruppenbacher, Rochester, N.Y., and Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb., 1,388
5. Carleton Chambers, Detroit, and Justin Sims, Ventura, Calif., 1,378

Singles (averages of 176 and above)

1. David Simard, Granby, Quebec, Canada, 813
2. Nick Kruml, St. Peters, Mo., 795
3. Kyle Luckett, Indianapolis, 775
4. Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 764
5. Christopher Wiley, Bettendorf, Iowa, 762

All-Events (averages of 176 and above)

1. Nick Kruml, St. Peters, Mo., 2,242
2. David Simard, Granby, Quebec, Canada, 2,216
3. Derek Eoff, DeForest, Wis., 2,165
4. Ryne Greenwood, Kenosha, Wis., 2,162
5. Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 2,147

Team All-Events (combined all-events totals of all five team members)

1. K and J Finishing 1, Carpentersville, Ill., 10,394
2. Riding Kenny's Coattails, Cincinnati, 10,018
3. Chili Garlic Edamame, Las Vegas, 9,884
4. Bay Area Pro Shop, San Jose, Calif., 9,767
5. Dude, Where's My Shoes?, Muskegon, Mich., 9,745

STANDARD DIVISION

Team (combined averages of 776-875)

1. Irvine Team 1, Corona, Calif., 3,016
2. Surgically Repaired, Darien, Ill., 2,977
3. Mean Girls Bowling, Chula Vista, Calif., 2,967
4. CA Style Mixed Plate, Hercules, Calif., 2,964
5. River Rats, Winona, Minn., 2,961

Doubles (combined averages of 311-350)

1. Damon Horst, Oswego, Ill., and Ryan Liddell, Palos Hills, Ill., 1,261

2. Austin McCauley and Frank McCauley, Eagle Mountain, Utah, 1,241

- T3. Bryan Melton, Springdale, Ark., and David Ruiz, Los Angeles, 1,229

- T3. Brandon Matthias and Linda Matthias, Tecumseh, Kan., 1,229
5. Mark Hill Jr. and Schrie Hill, Eagle River, Alaska, 1,228

Singles (averages of 156-175)

1. Michelle Dabkowski, Lexington, S.C., 715
2. Robert Quintero Jr., Aurora, Ill., 712
3. Matthew Sadler, Groveland, Ill., 709
4. Pat Gaddie, East Grand Forks, Minn., 682
5. Cody Cox, Kokomo, Ind., 678

All-Events (averages of 156-175)

1. Matthew Grunzke, Albert Lea, Minn., 1,926
2. Roscoe Crabtree, Kokomo, Ind., 1,878
3. Damon Horst, Oswego, Ill., 1,862
4. Stephen Powell, Effingham, Ill., 1,858
5. Edward Sutherland, Maple Park, Ill., 1,857

CLASSIFIED DIVISION

Team (combined averages of 775 and below)

1. Hull Point Pursuit, Kasilof, Alaska, 2,700
2. Drink N Roll, Chula Vista, Calif., 2,649
3. Bowlero Fun Center Fostoria, Fostoria, Ohio, 2,601
4. McHenry Bowl 5, Modesto, Calif., 2,589
5. Simply Striking, Sunnyvale, Calif., 2,573

Doubles (combined averages of 310 and below)

1. Charles Garcia, Fremont, Calif., and Benny Sangalang, Hayward, Calif., 1,218
2. Travis Soule, Grover Beach, Calif., and Deanne Stote, Pismo Beach, Calif., 1,135
3. Rick Wiser and Teresa Wiser, Umatilla, Ore., 1,126
4. Garrett Heyerdahl, Hannaford, N.D., and Clayton Monson, Cooperstown, N.D., 1,125
5. Joseph Pizzino and Fred Pugh, Salida, Colo., 1,099

Singles (averages of 155 and below)

1. Bobby Johnson, Villa Rica, Ga., 657
2. Brenden Davis, Acworth, Ga., 640
3. Steven Alberts, Apple Valley, Calif., 633
4. Tommy Huynh, Portland, Ore., 624
5. Jackie Capra, Kingwood, Texas, 618

All-Events (averages of 155 and below)

1. Doug Willmann, Olivette, Mo., 1,753
2. Jason Ashcroft, West Jordan, Utah, 1,738
3. Charles Garcia, Fremont, Calif., 1,731
4. Gary Nishikawa, Las Vegas, 1,722
5. Mark Bowen, Salisbury, Md., 1,689

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ON THE MAP

The members of K and J Finishing 1 put together a signature victory in 2023.

To say the members of K and J Finishing 1 were flying under the radar the past few years at the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships probably wouldn't be fair.

The talented group already had compiled their fair share of individual accolades, and back-to-back top 10s in Team All-Events in 2021 and 2022 helped them stir conversation about whether the young standouts would eventually break through at the event.

As nice as it is to be in the conversation, there's something about winning at the USBC Open Championships that brings the discussion full circle. There's a sense of validation to see the preparation and tireless perfecting of the craft come to fruition by claiming your first Eagle.

In 2023, the team – featuring Ryne Greenwood, Christopher Wiley, Zachary Woelfel, Nick Pate and Nick Kruml – descended upon the famed National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, with a plan in place to make a run at the top of the leaderboard.

They accomplished that ... and then some.

The conversation about the group's overall performance wasn't centered around if they would win Team All-Events, but, instead, by how much. The discussion was whether Kruml had put together an all-time showing at the tournament, leaving with the lead in four events.

When the final ball was rolled at the Taj Mahal of Tenpins in July, the group finished with the victory in Team All-Events by an astounding 376 pins. Kruml also maintained the top score in Regular All-Events, and he added a pair of runner-up finishes (Regular Singles and Regular Doubles with Wiley) to go along with a third-place finish in Regular Team for five (yes, five) top-three finishes.

Wiley posted a low finish of sixth across five events, and the team collected a total of nine top 10s in 2023. To top things off, they did some damage at the Bowlers Journal Championships, too.

The performance firmly planted the team as one not to miss at the Open Championships moving forward, and the overall effort from the quintet is worthy of wondering where it stacks as one of the top showings in the tournament's long



K and J Finishing 1 featured (from left) Ryne Greenwood, Christopher Wiley, Zachary Woelfel, Nick Pate and Nick Kruml at the 2023 Open Championships.



COLLEGIATE SUCCESS: Kruml, Woelfel, Greenwood and Wiley logged hundreds of hours on the lanes together during their time as teammates at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Pate was a familiar foe during that time while competing at Midland University, where he won the 2017 Intercollegiate Singles Championships.



and storied history.

From a connection in college to a close call in 2021, learn more about the journey the members of K and J Finishing 1 took to jump to the next level at the 2023 Open Championships.

THE OLD COLLEGE TRY

Besides the immense talent shared between the teammates, the camaraderie and chemistry is easy to see as they compete. Their connection through collegiate bowling helped foster what's seen on the lanes today.

Four of the team members – Greenwood, Wiley, Woelfel and Kruml – competed and traveled together at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Although Pate spent his collegiate career nearly 500 miles away in Fremont, Nebraska, at Midland University, the teams often crossed paths (including twice at the Intercollegiate Team Championships).

Pate, Kruml and Woelfel each were named first-team All-Americans by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA) during that time, and Pate finished his senior year in 2017 by earning NCBCA Most Valuable Player honors while winning the Intercollegiate Singles Championships.

Although the teammates now are spread across the country, relying on the bond built through college bowling allows them to quickly fall back into rhythm.

“I think there are a lot of teams that have a lot of talent, but I don't know if very many teams know each other's games the way we do,” Greenwood said. “Especially the four of us after bowling so many hundreds of hours together in college – it's kind of like the back of our hand. We're really not afraid to say what we think each other should do to change something up. As far as Nick (Pate) goes, he's so intelligent on the lanes, and he's proven that over the course of his career. He fits in really well and makes it easy.”

Pate may have worn blue and orange during his collegiate days at Midland, but he quickly adapted to his new surroundings when he joined Kruml, Greenwood and Woelfel for the first time at the Open Championships in 2018.

“The cool thing about college bowling is it brings all these people together, and then you end up bowling on a team with a bunch of Whitewater kids being the ‘outlier,’” Pate said. “I consider them my good friends. The chemistry came together pretty quickly. Kruml has been on the PBA Tour here and there, and I’ve stayed with him, so we had that connection. The other guys are really easy to get along with, so it made it rather easy to create that chemistry.”

Wiley joined the lineup at the Open Championships for the first time in 2021.

“For the four of us that have been together with everything, we know each other super well – we know each other’s games and our strengths and weaknesses,” Wiley said. “Nick (Pate) obviously is an incredible bowler, and he kind of fit right in.

“I think a lot of it is trust. We come in with a game plan, execute the game plan and stick to it. We trust the game plan will work, and I feel like it always has. We really do just trust each other, trust our shot making and trust the process.”

31 PINS

The group’s first combined effort at the Open Championships was a successful endeavor. K and J Finishing 1 left Las Vegas in 2021 with the lead in Team All-Events, and a 299 game from Woelfel helped propel him to the top spot in Regular Singles with 768.

Wiley and Kruml also moved into second place in Regular Doubles, and the group took over third place in Regular Team.

While the scores were solid, they were authored during the first month of competition at South Point, so the group expected to see its positions in the standings drop a couple spots as more teams made their way to Las Vegas.

Woelfel’s score in singles held on for a few days, but their number in Team All-Events (9,927) remained at the top of the leaderboard for several weeks.

The teammates fell to second place after the members of BowlU of Kenmore, New York, bested their total by 31 pins with 9,958.

That ended up being the winning score when the tournament concluded, with K and J Finishing 1 just missing out on the victory.

“It stung a little bit, only because we were so close,” Kruml said. “We bowled a little earlier that year, so there was a lot of the tournament left to go. It was hard to think we had a chance with that number, since nowadays, winning with less than 10,000 doesn’t happen too often. Weeks went on, and

we had the lead for a little while. To only lose by 31 pins, it was a little cruel. Each of us left that year thinking we could have had 100 more pins per person.

“With that said, I think it gave us the confidence that if we stuck together long enough, we were going to win one.”

There were plenty of positives to take away from the performance. Three top 10s for the group (second in Team All-Events, sixth in Regular Team and 10th in Regular Doubles for Wiley and Kruml) and the start of a strong foundation moving forward.

“I think 2021 really opened our eyes,” Woelfel said. “We knew we were a good team, but in 2021, we got the validation that we deserve to be here. We only lost the Eagle by 31 pins, and 31 pins over 45 games is nothing. It’s crazy how close we really were. We all had shots we could have taken back, but it made us hungry.”

The team returned to Las Vegas and South Point in 2022 and eclipsed the 10,000 mark – highlighted by a 300 game from Wiley – to finish ninth in Team All-Events.

Although they didn’t leave with the lead in any events that year, steady performances across the board set the stage for 2023.

ON TO THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY

The bowling world already was buzzing before the members of K and J Finishing 1 took to the lanes in Reno in 2023.

On May 31, Cincinnati’s Riding Kenny’s Coattails had posted the second highest set in tournament history (3,578) to take the lead in Regular Team. They moved into the top spot in Team All-Events the next day, becoming the first group to surpass 10,000 (10,018) at the 2023 Open Championships. The score previously leading Team All-Events was 9,884.

K and J Finishing 1 was set to bowl June 2-3 at the National Bowling Stadium.

The team posted three games north of 1,100 on June 2 – 1,119, 1,187 and 1,127 – to take over second place with 3,433 ... for about 10 minutes. They quickly dropped to third as The Bowling Shops 1 of Highland Village, Texas, finished with 1,209 during the same squad to get to 3,449.

Greenwood led the effort with 733, while Kruml had 723. Woelfel, Wiley and Pate chipped in with steady sets of 664, 658 and 655, respectively.

The group couldn’t help but chuckle a bit as the dust settled on the team event. Kruml had taken the lead in Open Singles at the Bowlers Journal Championships on June 1 for about two minutes – if that – before Alex Hoskins of Brigham City, Utah, topped his number two pairs to the right.

Despite the close calls, the team turned its attention to the next challenge – the daunting oil pattern for doubles and singles.

ON THE MAP

“We knew the team event was going to be where we wanted to set ourselves up really well because we had heard, and even seen during the first day we went and watched, that the minors pattern was definitely more difficult in terms of scoring,” Greenwood said. “After we moved into second for about 10 minutes, and then jumped to third, we told ourselves it was a really good score. If we put up something close to that in minors, we’d be in really good shape. And then, we kind of blew it away the next day.”

SIX GAMES TO GO

Greenwood’s assessment about the lane condition for doubles and singles was accurate through not only the eye test, but by the numbers.

For the other nine teams that finished in the top 10 of Team All-Events in 2023, only two of them finished with a higher overall average in minors compared to team. Only one team averaged more than 220 as a unit in doubles and singles (220.9 for Bay Area Pro Shop of San Jose, California).

K and J Finishing 1 averaged more than 232 for its 30 games in doubles and singles.

When the barrage of strikes finally came to a close at the NBS, Kruml and Wiley had taken the lead in Regular Doubles with 1,438 (724 for Kruml, 714 for Wiley).

Kruml moved into first in Regular Singles after games of 268, 280 and 247 for 795. Wiley took over third place with 762, and Greenwood was fifth with 757.

Kruml’s all-events score (2,242) was 77 pins ahead of the previous leading total of 2,165 by Derek Eoff of DeForest, Wisconsin. Greenwood was third with 2,162, and Wiley was fourth with 2,134.

Adding in Pate’s 1,969 and Woelfel’s 1,887, the team finished with 10,394 – the seventh-highest total in tournament history.

“The six games in doubles and singles were definitely harder, and it was no secret that the scores in team were higher,” Kruml said. “A lot of teams got a lot of their score for Team

Christopher Wiley (left) finished in the top six of each event at the 2023 Open Championships, while Nick Kruml had two wins, two runner-up finishes and a third-place effort in Reno.



All-Events in team, so if we were going to make up pins on the rest of the field, this is where we had to do it.

“I think when they’re harder, that’s when the teams that stick together really shine. We had our plan and worked together. I went into it thinking we were going to have to grind it out, and it didn’t end up like that, but in the beginning of doubles, they were definitely hard. We broke them down the way we wanted to, and the pins were just flying and falling. It was one of those times when you’re in the moment and not really sure what you’re doing, but you know it’s kind of crazy.”

The run was so incredible that they already had taken the lead – by 154 pins – before Pate started his final game of singles.

With four on a pair for minors at the Open Championships, the four from Wisconsin-Whitewater were together on Lanes 27-28. Pate was joined by several of his former teammates from Midland on 29-30.

“I think the way we broke down the lanes helped set us up for success, and we got on a couple runs and took advantage of it,” Woelfel said. “Shawn (Wochner) came up to us after three or four frames in the final game and told us just to bowl – don’t think about anything, but just bowl. By the time we finished on our pair, Nick (Pate) wasn’t even to his final game yet, and we had already taken the lead. His game was the exclamation point. It was pretty awesome to know we had taken the lead before he had even thrown a ball in his final game.”

Wochner served as the head coach at Wisconsin-Whitewater during their time as Warhawks, and Kruml didn’t want to leave anything to chance after their experience in 2021.

“Shawn is always doing the numbers on everything, and ever since I bowled for him at Whitewater, he knows I like to know the numbers,” Kruml said. “He was telling me what we needed for the rest of the games, and I’m like no – we need to lead by at least 200 because of what happened two years ago. We need to get this number by at least 200 for me to even feel remotely confident about this. As it turned out, before Nick’s last game had started, we were nearly there.”

Pate tossed 222 in his final game to officially cap the performance, finishing singles with 692.

“They were striking so much, I was kind of jealous,” Pate jokingly said. “They did something that’s pretty special. When they finished their sixth game, I was in the 10th frame of my fifth game. I looked up and knew we needed 850 for the five of us to take the lead, and they shot 1,000. We had taken the lead by 150, and I still had a game left.

“I wanted to shoot 300 and try and put more on there, but I put up a respectable 222. There was no pressure – just keep doing what you’re doing.”

ROLLING THE DICE

In a gambling town like Reno, the first rule of going on a run is to never leave a heater too soon.

After all the excitement at the Open Championships, there was an opportunity to keep the momentum going for the teammates later that night at the Bowlers Journal Championships.

And as a few members of the eight-team K and J Finishing group put their chips back in the middle of the table with one more session at the Bowlers Journal, you can guess what happened.

Another past Wisconsin-Whitewater teammate – Jim Schroeder – took the lead in Open Singles with a 786 series, which helped him and Wiley (721 series) take over Open Doubles with 1,507. Schroeder and Pate (694 series) moved into second with 1,480.

“After we shot the scores that we did, we thought we’d give it a shot and see if we could keep the ball rolling,” Wiley said.

“Jim and I were on two different pairs, and I think it says a lot about the camaraderie of the group. We’re on different pairs but still giving fives. We’re watching each other’s shots and trying to help out when we can.

“We had a big group behind us that squad that cheered us on as well, and it really does say a lot about the group we go out there with. There’s a lot of encouragement and trust.”

THE WAITING GAME

With the hard work complete, the wait until July 24 started for the K and J Finishing crew.

Kruml’s position as the leader in four events placed him in rarified air. Only three competitors had claimed four Eagles in a single appearance – USBC Hall of Famers Bill Lillard Jr. and Ed Lubanski in 1956 and 1959, respectively, and Mike Neumann in 1990.

The group cleared the month of June retaining the top spots at the Open Championships and Bowlers Journal Championships. On July 6, Kruml’s singles score was topped by Canada’s David Simard with an 813 series.

Another two weeks passed before Schroeder’s number in Open Singles at the Bowlers Journal was bested by a pin on July 21 by Joe Gerencser of Henderson, Nevada. The following day, DeeRonn Booker of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mark Curtis Jr. of Chattanooga, Tennessee, put together an incredible performance to get to 1,482 in Regular Doubles.

It’s the nature of the beast at events like the Open Championships and Bowlers Journal Championships.

You post your scores and see if anyone can catch you.



K and J Finishing 1 at the 2021 USBC Open Championships in Las Vegas.

Is there a letdown? Sure. But it doesn't take away from the complete body of work.

"There's one shot I'd really want back in singles – I left a 4 pin in the ninth frame – and that was a frustrating one to let go there," Kruml said. "Other than that, you can't be mad at doubles. You can't find those pins in a couple shots. They blew our score out of the water."

"To win felt pretty good. To be able to do something like that with people you have a long history of traveling and bowling with is pretty special. We had a lot of our other teammates in our squad, too, so it was pretty cool to have everybody there."

LOOKING AHEAD

To see the final tally of top 10s for K and J Finishing 1, be sure to flip over to Page 13 in the 2023 recap. If you go to Page 28, you'll see Wiley and Schroeder still at the top of the 2023 Bowlers Journal standings.

The performance in 2023 was one for the ages, but the young and talented group is just getting started at the Open Championships.

Each team member took different moments away from their time in Reno, and each are prepared for the additional glitz and glamour that comes with being a defending champion at the tournament when they return to Las Vegas for the 2024 event.

"I don't think it's fully set in," Woelfel said. "When we left, we knew we had the lead and a really good shot of coming home with it, and it's been surreal so far. I don't bowl on the national tour, so this is the biggest tournament you can bowl as an amateur. For us to do that and to be in that class is kind of surreal to even think about. I think it's going to fully set in when I get presented with that Eagle. I'm getting goosebumps just thinking about it."

The appearance at South Point will feature a first look at their championship banner and first opportunity to be introduced as champions at the event. It's hard to prepare for how those moments will hit each player, knowing the title defense starts shortly after the fact.

"It's going to be incredible, and I'm super excited to make an appearance," Wiley said. "I also don't think any of us are ever really satisfied, either, so I think we're definitely going to go out there and try to see if we can defend our titles. It will be absolutely surreal when it happens, though, and I'm already marking it down on the calendar and waiting the days until we go back out there."

"A ton of credit goes to Kris Beach and Shawn Wochner, too. They were our coaches going through all this and helped put it together."

The expectations certainly may change as well, but the team is confident they'll be able to continue to put together strong performances as a unit at the event.

"It can make you a little nervous if you think about it," Greenwood said. "The last thing you want to do is have a letdown, even though it does happen because they're not easy (at the Open Championships). But, I think that we'll relish it because it's something that we've worked hard for, and we want to see all that pay off. We want to continue the hot stretch while we can because you never know when it'll get taken away from you."

The teammates certainly will take it all in, but once the lights are on, they'll be ready to take on the challenges ahead in 2024.

"It's going to feel great for that 20 minutes of fame we get, but then we'll flip the switch and get down to business when we have to bowl," Pate said. "We're definitely looking forward to it. Those watches and Eagles are nice, and when you bowl the Open Championships, you aspire to win one."

The members of K and J Finishing 1 left little doubt to what they can accomplish at the Open Championships with their showing in 2023. There's no doubt others will be looking for them to set the bar in the future.

"Ryne texted me a week or two before we came out to Reno," Kruml said. "He asked me if I thought other people see our team coming and think we're one of the teams to watch or beat. I told him I don't think so – not yet, but we can try and get on that radar. And then we did what we did. When we were done, I told him, 'Well, I think we're one of those teams now.'"

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LOOKING AHEAD TO LOUISIANA



The USBC Open Championships will return to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for the first time in more than a dozen years in 2025, and the party on and off the lanes will be non-stop in The Capital City!

The tournament will return to the site of the 2005 and 2012 events – the Raising Cane's River Center – which is conveniently located in the heart of downtown and a short walk away from several can't-miss attractions.

The custom installation inside of the venue also will mark the first convention-center build for competition at the Open Championships since 2018 when the event was contested in Syracuse, New York.

The two previous visits to Baton Rouge featured strong turnouts (13,222 teams in 2005 and 11,794 teams in 2012) in Louisiana's capital, and bowlers from across the world were able to experience the area's diverse and rich culture, cuisine and history.

Starting in downtown, the River Center sits just off the banks of the Mississippi River and is across the street from the USS KIDD Veterans Museum. The USS KIDD is a Fletcher-class destroyer from World War II that has been restored back to its 1945 configuration and is available to tour.

The history continues downtown at Louisiana's Old State Capitol, which also is right next to the River Center. The National Historic Landmark was a former statehouse and now serves as a museum showcasing the state's political history and is renowned for its architecture.



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The Louisiana Art & Science Museum also is across the way from the River Center. The museum is inside of a historic railway station and features fun and learning opportunities for all ages.

Baton Rouge also is home to Louisiana State University, and fans of college football won't want to miss a chance to see LSU's famed Tiger Stadium (better known as Death Valley). The venue can hold more than 100,000 roaring fans for every LSU home game and is also right by the Mike the Tiger Habitat, which is home to a live Bengal tiger that represents the school's athletic programs.

When it's time to grab a bite after your team event, be sure to check the menu for some local Creole and Cajun favorites like gumbo, etouffee or jambalaya for a taste of southern Louisiana. Don't miss out on a beignet or two for dessert, either.

While nearby New Orleans is known as the birthplace of jazz, Baton Rouge is steeped in the history of the blues. There are several venues around town to catch the local sound, and several music festivals make their way to Red Stick each year.

As you start to put together your plan for the 2025 Open Championships (registration is open at BOWL.com/OpenChamp), don't forget to take a look at VisitBatonRouge.com. The site is a one-stop shop for all things related to having a great time in Baton Rouge. Scan this QR code to learn more.



Scan this QR code to check out their page for additional information.

Looking ahead on the tournament schedule, the Open Championships will be returning to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, in 2026 before coming back to Las Vegas and the South Point Bowling Plaza in 2027.





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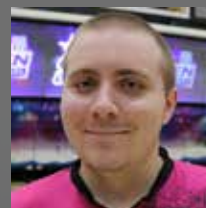


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National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

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Joe Gerencser, Henderson, Nev., 787



Joe Gerencser

SENIOR SINGLES

Ray Smarsh, Middletown, Del., 762



Ray Smarsh

SUPER SENIOR SINGLES

Ken Wyatt, Sterling Heights, Mich., 724

175 & UNDER HANDICAP SINGLES

Aris DeLos Reyes, Union City, Calif., 741

OPEN DOUBLES

Jim Schroeder, Waukesha, Wis., and Christopher Wiley, Bettendorf, Iowa, 1,507

SENIOR DOUBLES

Robby Porter, Rancho Cordova, Calif., and Andrew Udahl, Elk Grove, Calif., 1,366

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Aris DeLos Reyes, Union City, Calif., and Benny Sangalang, Hayward, Calif., 1,319

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GETTING READY



BOWLERS JOURNAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PRACTICE

After making the flight (or drive) to Las Vegas and picking up your luggage (or unpacking the car) for your trip to the 2024 USBC Open Championships ... what's next?

Many competitors will note how important it is to get a couple games in to loosen up and make sure everything is feeling just right in your new surroundings. It also could serve as a final opportunity to solidify your game plan before hearing this year's march-out song and making the trek from the squad room to the lanes at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

The Bowlers Journal Championships and team practice sessions once again will be available to help check each of those items off your list, and the convenience of getting ready for the 120th edition of the Open Championships is as easy as walking across the South Point Hotel and Casino and taking the escalator (or elevator) up to the original South Point Bowling Center.

The 64-lane facility will host both the Bowlers Journal Championships and team practice sessions in 2024, and both will offer the opportunity to get ready for a different event at the Open Championships.

Team practice sessions are as advertised. You and your teammates (up to 10 bowlers total) have the chance to practice on the oil pattern used during the team event at the Open Championships.

Each session lasts for one hour and costs \$100, so it certainly encourages participation within your team or group of teams to save a little money while formulating a strategy to make a run at the top of the leaderboard.

The Bowlers Journal Championships will celebrate its 77th edition in 2024, and the premier side tournament to the Open Championships again will offer competitors the chance to win big and prepare for their time over at the Bowling Plaza.

The event features three games of singles or doubles (or both at the same time) on the oil pattern used in doubles and singles at the Open Championships and features four divisions in singles (Open, Senior, Super Senior and 175 & Under Handicap) and three in doubles (Open, Senior and Handicap) for the chance to take home some additional prize money.

The side tournament also features a Dual Entry prize fund for those who bowl both singles and doubles during the same session and multiple jackpots to add some additional excitement to each game.

Bowlers also can enter each event they're eligible for up to eight times, so there are chances to shake off a bad set or try something different to find the right ball reaction.

The first singles set at the Bowlers Journal Championships costs \$80, which also includes a one-year subscription to Bowlers Journal International. Every additional reentry costs \$70. A doubles set runs \$40 per bowler but does not include the subscription to BJI.

Reservations for both the Bowlers Journal Championships and team practice sessions can be made in person at the South Point Bowling Center or online at BOWL.com/OpenChamp. Be sure to check with our team at the counter to see what's available!

All USBC policies, procedures and protocols are consistent with those being used at the Open Championships. To learn more, visit BOWL.com/Side-Tournaments.

CHECK THE SCHEDULE

Squad times and availability for the Bowlers Journal Championships and team practice sessions are different from day to day in 2024. Here's the schedule for each at the South Point Bowling Center (subject to change):

Monday:
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m.

Tuesday:
8 a.m., 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday:
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 10 p.m.

Thursday:
2:30 p.m., 10 p.m.

Friday:
12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 10 p.m.

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Glenn Allison set to break new barrier in tournament participation.

With his scheduled appearance this year at the USBC Open Championships, the incomparable Glenn Allison will again be at the forefront of the bowling world as he sets the new standard in tournament participation.

Much like Roger Maris' long-standing mark of 61 home runs in a season felt like an insurmountable task for Major League Baseball stars for more than 35 years, the number 71 has stood on hallowed ground as the participation record at the Open Championships since 1981.

Allison, a USBC and PBA Hall of Famer, became the fourth bowler to reach 71 years at the Open Championships in 2023, and he'll become the first to don a 72 next to his name as he takes to the lanes in 2024 at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

USBC Hall of Famer Bill Doehrman of Fort Wayne, Indiana, had set the bar for participation after making his 71st appearance in 1981. He made his debut at the 1908 tournament in Cincinnati, which featured 362 teams, and he helped Lincoln Life Insurance of Fort Wayne capture the Regular Team title at the 1922 event.

Doehrman became the first member of the 100,000-Pin Club in 1971, and he finished with a career pinfall of 109,566.

San Diego's Joe Norris had his 71 appearances span from 1926 to 2000. The USBC Hall of Famer collected three wins at the Open Championships (1934 and 1954 Regular Team, 1954 Team All-Events) and also held the distinction of being the tournament's all-time pinfall leader for more than 20 years.

Norris passed Doehrman on the all-time pinfall list during the 1992 event, and he finished his career with 123,770 pins. He held the top spot until 2015 when Houston's Bill Lillard Sr. surpassed him to finish his career with 124,087 pins.

Sylvester Thiel of Lake City, Minnesota, made his 71st appearance at the 2016 Open Championships. He made his tournament debut at the 1940 event in Detroit, and Thiel also is part of the 100,000-Pin Club, finishing with a career pinfall of 114,297.

Allison joined this lofty company as he made his way down Center Aisle at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno last year, but his place on the tournament's Mount Rushmore had been set in motion long before he climbed the participation plateau.

The 93-year-old right-hander from Corona, California, started his journey at the Open Championships in 1947 during the



Glenn Allison receiving his plaque for 71 years at the 2023 Open Championships in Reno alongside his daughter (Suzanne Allison), grandson (Glenn Allison II) and son (Mark Allison).

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event's stop in Los Angeles. He's been to the tournament each year since 1954.

Allison has found the winner's circle four times at the Open Championships, starting with a Classic Doubles title in 1962 alongside fellow USBC Hall of Famer Dick Hoover. Allison posted his highest set at the tournament (780) to help the pair to a winning tally of 1,431.

He followed with a pair of Classic Team victories in 1964 and 1966. The win in 1964 was part of St. Louis' Falstaff Beer, and he helped the members of Ace Mitchell Shur-Hooks of Akron, Ohio, to the team title in 1966.

Allison's fourth title was collected in 1970 as he topped the standings in Classic Singles. He rolled games of 258, 258 and 214 for a 730 series.

He joined the 100,000-Pin Club during his 55th appearance at the 2006 Open Championships in Corpus Christi, Texas, becoming the ninth bowler to reach the milestone (there's now 29 bowlers who have achieved the feat).

The pinfall has continued to add up for Allison, and the participation record isn't the only item on his list.

Allison will enter the 2024 event with a career pinfall of 122,954 (191.2 average), which places him third on the all-time list behind Lillard and Norris.

He needs 817 pins to pass Norris to move into second place, and Allison would have to topple 1,134 pins to move ahead of Lillard, an eight-time Eagle winner and USBC Hall of Famer, for the top spot.


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MAJOR MILESTONES IN 2024

Few moments match the excitement of introducing a bowler for a major milestone at the USBC Open Championships.

Each competitor that is celebrated for their longevity and skill has exhibited an unmatched commitment to the sport, and those in attendance for such an achievement often are left in awe as they appreciate the journey taken to join some of bowling's most exclusive clubs.

At the 2024 Open Championships, five bowlers are looking to showcase their dedication on bowling's biggest stage. Three competitors – Robert Brissette, Dale Diamond and Wayne Hutchinson – are scheduled to make their 60th appearance on the tournament lanes while Frankie May Jr. finds himself 723 pins away from reaching 100,000 pins. John Kerpan will look to celebrate both milestones in Las Vegas as he enters his 60th appearance 1,090 pins away from earning the coveted crystal pin.

Brissette, of Petersburg, Michigan, was in the spotlight at the 2023 Open Championships after becoming the 27th member of the 100,000-Pin Club during his team event. He has knocked over 101,000 pins through his first 59 visits to the tournament and holds a career average of 190.2.

He made his tournament debut during the 1961 event in Detroit and has made his annual appearance each year since 1967. Brissette's top performance at the Open Championships took place during the 1993 event in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he posted sets of 706 in singles, 702 in team and 646 in doubles for an all-events total of 2,054.

Diamond, of Chatham, Illinois, also has made his annual trek to the tournament each year since 1967 after making his first appearance at the 1962 event in Des Moines, Iowa.

He rolled a 298 game in doubles during the 1989 Open Championships in Wichita, Kansas, and had his highest set (738 in singles) and all-events total (1,906) during his appearance in 1993. In 2022, he helped Dale Diamond Team 2 collect a third-place finish in Standard Team at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.

Diamond will enter the 2024 event having topped 97,048 pins for a lifetime average of 182.7.

Hutchinson, of Franklin Park, Illinois, started his journey at the Open Championships during the 1959 event in St. Louis.

He added his name to the tournament's record book for the first time in 1971 as he helped Chicago's Hilton Shirts capture

the victory in Team All-Events (9,157). Hutchinson was consistent in the winning effort, rolling scores of 629 in team, 605 in doubles and 589 in singles for a total of 1,823.

Hutchinson's top overall performance took place during his 46th appearance in 2009, posting an all-events score of 1,868, and he has compiled a career pinfall of 96,522 for a 187 average.

May, of Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, is looking to take home his crystal pin in his 57th tournament appearance. He made his debut at the 1961 event in Detroit and has made his annual visit to the tournament each year since 1973.

He recorded a runner-up finish in Classic All-Events at the 1978 Open Championships with a 1,934 total and recorded his top nine-game score at the 1991 event in Toledo, Ohio, with 2,040, which included a 757 series in team.

May, winner of the 1993 Professional Bowlers Association 50 Don Carter Senior Open, enters the 2024 event with 99,277 pins for a career average of 196.9.

Kerpan, of Waukegan, Illinois, is hoping to author a pair of celebrations at the South Point Bowling Plaza in 2024 by joining the 60-Year Club during his team event and surpassing 100,000 pins during his doubles and singles competition.

He made his first appearance at the Open Championships during the 1961 event in Detroit, and his top performance was at the 1993 event in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he finished with 1,891. Kerpan's top three-game set took place in doubles in 2002 with 684.

Kerpan has knocked down 98,910 pins through his first 59 appearances for an average of 187.3.

Entering the 2024 Open Championships, 29 bowlers have topped 100,000 pins, while 32 competitors have made at least 60 tournament appearances.



Dale Diamond



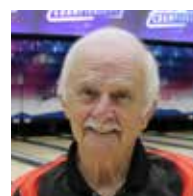
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Everyone has a reason for making the annual journey to the USBC Open Championships. Some are searching for championship glory and the chance to win prize money while others simply go for vacation and to spend time with family and friends.

A small group of bowlers can boast of making the trip for 50 years. Through 119 years of competition at the USBC Open Championships, 332 bowlers have joined the elite 50-Year Club.

The following bowlers are scheduled to reach the milestone this year at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas:



ANTHONY
ARBANAS

HOMETOWN: Byron Center, Mich.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 73,447

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 167.6

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: In 1982 (Baltimore), I finished in 83rd place in doubles with my partner (Jack Randall).

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Albuquerque, New Mexico. I enjoyed the city, and it had a lot to see. I also had a great all-events score.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: It has always been a goal once I reached 35 consecutive years. I started out with my brother, David, and went 27 years with him. Then, going with my nephews and good friends.



LARRY
BALDASSANO

HOMETOWN: Phoenixville, Pa.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1973 – Syracuse, N.Y.

PINFALL TOTAL: 80,495

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 182.5

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: My first tournament. It's when I learned about this.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Las Vegas. It has so many things to do.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: It means I probably won't do any more.



GERALD
BUBLITZ

HOMETOWN: Winona, Minn.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 75,506

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 171.2

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: When we bowled the team event in Tampa (1979), I started with 120 in my first game and couldn't wait for it to be over. A teammate said to me, "Hell of a team bowler you are." In response, my next game was 262, and I ended up with a 600 series.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Las Vegas. It's easy to get to and has 24-hour food, entertainment, activities and great weather.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: I attended my first tournament at the age of 31 and never contemplated I would be participating for 50 consecutive years. It's an accomplishment. I am fortunate for good health, all the experiences and many memories of bowling and traveling the country with great teammates and friends.



STEVE
CONRAD

HOMETOWN: Albuquerque, N.M.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1971 – Detroit

PINFALL TOTAL: 81,571

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 184.9

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: While living in Dayton, Ohio, I helped to construct the lane beds in the Dayton Convention Center in 1975. This really opened my eyes to what it took to put the (then ABC) tournament together.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 2000. It's where I had my best all-events score (1,899), and bowling in front of my hometown fans was a treat!

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: Starting with Detroit (1971), I missed participating in tournaments in 1972, 1982 and 1983 but haven't missed a year otherwise. I was not sure how I was going to continue to bowl in the tournament after moving from Ohio to New Mexico, but I hooked up with some great teams and continued on. The many acquaintances and travels are something I will always treasure. Thank you to ABC/USBC for the great times.



HOWARD
CORNISH

HOMETOWN: Sherman, Ill.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 76,740

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 176.4

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: Randy Suiter was bowling with us in Las Vegas and had a 300 game in 2019. In 1983, we had a bowler that had to miss due to a death in the family, and Rickey Kendrick was his replacement. With just a few hours' notice, he got in his car, drove out and bowled with us. In singles, he had a pair of 257s and a 221 game for a 735 series to win singles on our pair. I think it was on Lanes 1 and 2, and it was on his birthday.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Every place we've gone has been pretty remarkable in its own regard.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: It means that I've lived a long and lucky life. Having 50 in a row, just the fact that you can be some place that many years, is what's significant to me in that regard. I've loved being able to travel all over the country.



JAMES
DANIEL

HOMETOWN: Dadeville, Ala.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1970 – Knoxville, Tenn.

PINFALL TOTAL: 69,472

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 157.5

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: Reno, Nevada, in 1984. I was able to come a day early and watch the finals of the Masters. I was able to watch Earl Anthony win his last Masters title.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Niagara Falls, New York. I got to see the spectacular, breathtaking and majestic falls in 1983. Then, in 1987, I got to experience it again with my family.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: This was a big goal, and I'm fortunate to reach it. It has provided me the opportunity to share the experience with my family and friends and pass along my love of bowling to them. My son, Kenny, has 41 years. My daughter, Tamara, has 27 consecutive years. My son-in-law, Lowell, has 15, and my grandsons, Dave and Logan, have 22 consecutive and seven years, respectively. That's 162 years for our family thus far.

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FRANK
DELARME



HOMETOWN: Grampian, Pa.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1968 – Cincinnati

PINFALL TOTAL: 73,117

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 168

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1970. It's where I took my wife for our honeymoon.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Las Vegas. Until a few years ago, it was the residence of my daughter and two grandsons.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: My goal has always been to reach the 50-year milestone. A few farming accidents and the loss of my wife of 49 1/2 years made that goal seem unlikely. Thanks to the good Lord and my family and good friends who helped me get here.

GERARD
EHRET



HOMETOWN: Miamisburg, Ohio

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 77,444

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 178

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: We went to Reno in the early 2000s with a team of five. Shortly before leaving, three bowlers dropped out. My partner and I arrived and inquired if anyone needed a sub. The American Wheelchair Bowling Association was in town and needed two subs. My partner and I were more than happy to fill the spots, and we had one heck of a time.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Oklahoma City in 1976. I bowled the previous year in Dayton, where the 40 lanes, lockers and bowling services encompassed the whole convention center. In Oklahoma City, it only took up one quarter of the convention center. Plus, there was a hockey arena in the middle. It also was home to a unique restaurant – Molly Murphy's! To this day, I haven't experienced anything like that.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: I am proud, grateful and thankful. Proud that I reached so many years. Grateful I didn't experience any debilitating health issues and accomplished this despite several adversities. I'm thankful for the support of my wife, fellow bowlers and friends. Finally, a big thanks to the one above for allowing this to be.

JIM
DURA



HOMETOWN: Edwards, Ill.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 71,943

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 178.9

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: Anytime bowling the early ABCs with my brothers and folks. We had different van trips with my whole family – to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Baseball Hall of Fame, Pro Football Hall of Fame and Niagara Falls. We had a trip to Knoxville where we visited family and went to Pigeon Forge, Huntsville and Nashville. There was a great RV trip to Corpus Christi with Kewanee teammates and my favorite bowling writer, Wayne Raguse, where we barbequed steaks in the parking lot after our late, late shift.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: We had a great time in Toledo. We played while the PBA National was occurring and got to meet Larry Lichstein with my brother and Kewanee friends.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: I feel very lucky to reach this consecutively because of the injuries and surgeries along the way. I am thankful that my parents got me involved, starting at my first appearance in Indianapolis. Without the backing and encouragement of my parents, I do not know if I would have done this.

JOHN
EISS



HOMETOWN: Orono, Minn.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 91,444

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 207.3

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: Our win in Team All-Events in 2002. We are all about team, and I've bowled with these guys for 30-plus years.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Tampa, Florida

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: I'm accomplishing a long-term goal and still alive.

TERRY
ECKHARDT



HOMETOWN: Eagan, Minn.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 65,649

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 168.3

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: Earning my 25-year plaque. It was 1998, and we had brought 10 teams instead of four. My brother-in-law, Darrell Nelson, was a nervous wreck checking everyone in. I made the travel plans and helped with check-in. I was going to stop bowling that year but was talked into No. 26. The rest is history, and now we are here at No. 50!

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Reno and Las Vegas. Reno because of the NBS. Las Vegas because there are so many things to do. I've enjoyed traveling to many cities.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: Bowling 50 consecutive years, considering in 1989, I bowled four weeks after back surgery. I also bowled after shoulder surgery with my arm in a sling, and after two foot surgeries, this milestone is important to me. I feel proud and am on top of the world. Many friends and family members will be present to help celebrate. I want to thank my friends from my league, my lovely bride and the Red Rockers – Lee, Chad, Chuck, Bill, Alan and JoJo – for being with me all of these years.

DAVE
ERICKSON



HOMETOWN: McFarland, Wis.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 83,679

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 189.7

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: At the 2000 Open Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico, I bowled with my son for the first time.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Las Vegas. There's so many things to do.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: I've bowled with a lot of great friends over many years, have had good health and a lot of luck.

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STEVE
FINNEGAN

HOMETOWN: Hillsboro, Ore.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1969 – Madison, Wis.

PINFALL TOTAL: 80,396

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 182.3

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

Meeting up each year with my bowling friends, of which most live in other areas. A particularly good friend was Clayton Scott, who was my doubles partner for over 20 years.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Niagara Falls (New York), Mobile (Alabama) and Huntsville (Alabama) are among my favorites. I have enjoyed visiting wherever we bowl.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It's a goal accomplished at 50 years. There's so much traveling that I would not have planned without bowling in the national tournament.



MICHAEL
FRIEDRICHS

HOMETOWN: Glendale, Ariz.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 84,596

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 191.8

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

I have many great memories at the Open Championships. A 300 game in Wichita, a ninth-place finish in team in Billings and the second highest doubles game of all-time in Reno (578 in 1995). Every year was special as I was able to travel and bowl with my father and friends.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

I would probably say Reno is my favorite city as I have many memories from the years there, including the first trip with my father in 1977.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Reaching 50 years was not a goal when I started as a teenager in 1974. I looked forward to going every year to travel with my father and see friends. It became an aspiration as the years added up. When I had knee issues, I wasn't sure I would get there, but, now, here it is – the 50th consecutive year.



JOHN
JEROME

HOMETOWN: Springfield, Ill.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 78,588

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 178.2

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

It is probably the first tournament I went to in 1974 in Indianapolis. It hooked me from that point forward to keep returning.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: I would have to say Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It had great food and some of the friendliest people in the country.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It's quite an honor, and I never thought that I would be able to compete in 50 consecutive tournaments. I have to thank my wife for allowing me to compete all these years.



THOMAS
KNOX

HOMETOWN: Leesburg, Va.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 75,679

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 172.7

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

At the 1983 event in Niagara Falls, New York, I missed a turn and ended up in Canada.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Reno, Nevada. There are a lot of things to do.



GEORGE
KONTOS

HOMETOWN: Joliet, Ill.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 87,181

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 201.8

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

Besides winning (Regular Team) in 2001 and shooting 801 in doubles with my son in 2009, I was sitting in the crowd in 1977 when two teams from Joliet were bowling. Rendel's GMC was the eventual winner, and Chellino Crane Rental finished third.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Billings, Montana; Reno, Nevada; and Las Vegas.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

I appreciate the opportunity to compete for all these years. I also am thankful for all of my teammates over all these years.



CHUCK
LACKEY

HOMETOWN: Green Bay, Wis.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

PINFALL TOTAL: 76,057

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 178.5

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

I had the first nine strikes and left a 10 pin in the 10th frame. I made the spare, too. I thought there was no way I was making this, but I did.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

I guess I have to say that Las Vegas has been my favorite city. I've always been a Vegas person.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It means I reached an accomplishment. I've been in the bowling business my whole life. I started as a pinsetter mechanic, and last March I sold a six-lane bar and grill in northern Wisconsin (Chuck's Dyckesville Bowl) and retired. It's a culminating event of my career.

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LES LANG

HOMETOWN: Montello, Wis.
FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis
PINFALL TOTAL: 72,766
TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 166.1

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: I've enjoyed bowling and meeting people and friends from Wyoming.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Louisville, Kentucky, for the Kentucky Derby.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: It has been my entertainment and a way to stay in shape.



JAMES ORD

HOMETOWN: Sarasota, Fla.
FIRST APPEARANCE: 1970 – Knoxville, Tenn.
PINFALL TOTAL: 78,083
TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 184.5

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: Next year (2024) when I bowl doubles with my daughter.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Salt Lake City. I loved the city and bowled well.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: I have been able to bowl and share great times with many friends from New England to Florida.



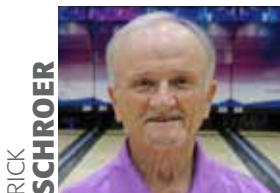
DEAN ROBINSON

HOMETOWN: Loysville, Pa.
FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis
PINFALL TOTAL: 37,976
TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 133.2

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: My first one with just the wide area after always bowling in 10-lane houses.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Niagara Falls, New York, because it was close to home.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: Being able to keep bowling as age and health has slowed me down. And, not many have bowled this much.



RICK SCHROER

HOMETOWN: Wichita, Kan.
FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis
PINFALL TOTAL: 76,864
TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 186.1

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: Being able to travel all over the country with my teammates and see parts of the country I may have never gotten to see. We had so much fun. We took 13th place in team twice, and Dwight Henry and I have bowled all 50 together.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: I remember Niagara Falls (New York) the most. There was a lot to see, and then we flew to New York City for my first trip there and ate dinner on the top floor of the World Trade Center. We took in so many sites. We just made vacations out of the tournaments and have had lots of fun!

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: I'm happy and proud I stuck it out for 50 consecutive tournaments. I'm now aiming for 55 and 60 years.



CLARENCE WALLACE

HOMETOWN: Grand Bahama, Bahamas
FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis
PINFALL TOTAL: 79,349
TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 181.1

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: Las Vegas in 2017. I had my highest score (1,783). Besides, Las Vegas is a city we annually visit for vacation and relaxation.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: At the 1985 event in Tulsa, Oklahoma, I bowled after suffering torn ligaments in my right ankle and was on crutches. I averaged 181.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: A commitment to the sport of bowling and keeping my annual participation intact even though I have only bowled once per year since 2010. Bowling still remains my No. 1 hobby.



PHILIP WENGRYN

HOMETOWN: Somerville, N.J.
FIRST APPEARANCE: 1967 – Miami
PINFALL TOTAL: 78,317
TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 178.8

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY: Coming to Las Vegas because South Point is great.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: Can't believe I bowled this many years.



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On the tournament's leaderboard, you'll see the teams that execute their game plan and work together to find their way to the top of the standings.

It's the same for the tournament's dedicated staff members. They know that each department for the near-around-the-clock operation needs to work together to execute our goal – the ultimate bowling experience for you and your teammates!

The crew that makes it happen features a mix of USBC employees, a traveling staff and a local workforce that's ready for the first ball of the day at 7 a.m. and helping close the venue each night at approximately 1 a.m.

The traveling staff has nearly 400 years of overall experience at the Open Championships with several team members having 10-plus years of service at the tournament.

We'd like to take this chance to recognize our traveling staff and say THANK YOU once again for your dedication to the Open Championships! Let's meet the team!

Danny, Iowa, 30 years
Danny, Pennsylvania, 21 years
Joy, Pennsylvania, 21 years
Pete, New Mexico, 18 years
John, Texas, 17 years
James, Indiana, 15 years
Robin, Nevada, 15 years
Tyrone, Illinois, 15 years
Bobby, Nevada, 14 years
Robert, Oregon, 12 years
Tyler, Louisiana, 12 years
David, Texas, 10 years
Kelli, Nevada, 10 years
Russ, Nevada, 10 years
Amy, Texas, nine years
Elaine, Texas, nine years
Leo, Texas, nine years
Rick, Nevada, nine years
Jazmin, Texas, seven years
Robert, Nevada, seven years
Brian, Nevada, six years
Dick, New York, six years
Gary, New York, six years
Lisa, Nevada, six years
Shawn, Nevada, six years
Sheldon, Tennessee, six years
Suzanne, New York, six years

John, Nevada, five years
Katie, Nevada, five years
Ron, New York, five years
Tres, Michigan, five years
Dawn, Nevada, four years
Liz, New York, four years
Michael, Nevada, four years
Suzanne, Nevada, four years
Taimarius, Nevada, four years
Byron, Nevada, three years
Damian, Nevada, three years
Gordon, Indiana, three years
Grayson, Nevada, three years
Jonathan, Nevada, three years
Joyce, Arizona, three years
Nick, Nevada, three years
Andrew, Nevada, two years
Aric, Nevada, two years
Jimmy, Nevada, two years
Justin, Indiana, two years
Kyner, Nevada, two years
Mary, Ohio, two years
Michael, Nevada, two years
Michelle, Arizona, two years
Michelle, Nevada, two years
Kayli, New York, one year

USBC staff providing day-to-day support at the Open Championships

Greg Moore
Senior Director-Open and Women's Championships

Chip Aki
Assistant Tournament Manager

Brandy Silva
Tournament Office Specialist

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