

SPECIAL REPORT

The Coaching Pool Deepens

Meet 100 of bowling's leading youth, school and professional instructors.

A GREAT TEACHER CAN KEEP KIDS IN SCHOOL AND influence career paths. Likewise, a great coach can bring shy children out of their shells and help transform recreational bowlers into bowling athletes. At the highest levels of the game, elite bowling coaches can help their students win medals in international competition and prestigious titles on the professional Tours.

Few modern Hall of Fame bowlers were self-taught. Most of bowling's greats — past and present — benefited from coaching at some level of their development.

That's why *Bowlers Journal International* decided it was time to give bowling's best coaches their due. The cumulative result of more than a year of planning, compiling and judging appears in the chart that begins on this page and continues through the next two.

Truth be told, the genesis of this massive undertaking can be traced to a column written in 1996, in which Editor Jim Dressel lamented that he could not name 100 bowling coaches. In ensuing years, several coach development programs were implemented, joining a handful already in place. Today, the number of bowling coaches worldwide — from youth league volunteers to pro advisors — is in the tens of thousands.

Originally, we envisioned naming bowling's "Top 100 Coaches." But it quickly became evident that such a quest

would present the ultimate apples-and-oranges conundrum. After all, how could judges possibly compare the accomplishments of youth league coaches with ball company reps who travel with the Pro Tours? Instead, we would ask our expert panel to select from among the nominees "100 Top Coaches" (a subtle, but important, difference), and to include worthy reps from various categories.

A panel was assembled, categories were established, a nomination form was developed, and the quest for candidates was promoted on the *BJI* website and with the cooperation of USBC Coaching (formerly USA Bowling Coaching). Every effort was made to urge qualified candidates to submit forms, but only those who did so (or who had forms submitted on their behalf) were considered.

Even though a number of well-known elite coaches did not participate, the judging panel still had a daunting task to pare the mountain of nominations to just 100. But panel members worked diligently, made a number of tough calls, and ultimately presented us with a list that's pretty darn impressive.

We know that some coaches who missed the cut will be disappointed. To them, we say: Try again next year, as we intend to enhance and expand the list. To those who made it, we echo the words they likely use in their coaching: Way to go, and keep up the good work. ☺



Team USA's Jeri Edwards, strategizing here with her squad, is one of bowling's 100 top coaches.

100 TOP COACHES

NAME	LOCATION				OF NOTE...
		YOUTH	SCHOOL	PROFESSIONAL	
ASBATY, Diandra	Chicago, Illinois			X	A rising star who benefits from being a student of top coaches as a Team USA member.
BACA, Sam	Stockton, California			X	A Gold-level coach with a long coaching resumé and extensive technical knowledge.
BAKER, Mark	Costa Mesa, California			X	Credited with helping Walter Ray Williams Jr. break out of an extended slump in 2004.
BARKER, Douglas "Dug"	Louisville, Kentucky	X	X	X	A Silver-level coach who led Pleasure Ridge Park to girls' high school championship.
BEDNAR, Kelly	Raleigh, North Carolina	X		X	This pro shop operator and former Pro Tour rep is known for being great with kids.
BELLINDER, Frank	Fullerton, California			X	A Bill Taylor protégé whose star pupil is daughter Missy, the first female PBA member.
BLASCO, Tom	Satellite Beach, Florida			X	Constantly adding to knowledge base by attending every available school, seminar, etc.
BORDEN, Fred	Akron, Ohio			X	Former Team USA head coach; perhaps the world's best-known bowling instructor.
CARLSON, Glenn	Fresno, California		X		A PBA member since 1959 and founder of Fresno State's bowling program in 1969.
CARTER, Jeff	Springfield, Illinois			X	Holder of ABC's season average record; gave more than 500 lessons in past 12 months.

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CARTER, Wilbert	Charlotte, North Carolina			X	A former pro, this "coach's coach" is the first minority to attain Gold-level status.
CHILCUTT, Brian	Round Lake, Florida			X	A Bill Spigner protégé; his philosophy: "If you stop progressing, you start regressing."
CONNERS, Donna	Houston, Texas	X			Teaches both the physical and mental game to kids while promoting collegiate bowling.
COSTELLO, Pat	Orlando, Florida			X	One of the top pros of all-time, now serving as women's head coach at Central Florida.
CULP, Roger	Douglas, Georgia	X		X	A PBA Senior member and Silver-level coach who has been teaching for four decades.
DODDS, Brian	Ontario, New York			X	Forté of this multi-certified coach is the mental game; also teaches for USBC Coaching.
DUGGAN, Anne Marie	Edmond, Oklahoma			X	New WIBC Hall of Famer made a coaching video with Fred Borden and Jeri Edwards.
DUKE, Kenneth	Williamsville, New York		X		Coached four NJCAA National Champion teams at Erie Community College in Buffalo.
DUNCKEL II, N. Dale	Omak, Washington		X		His single-A high school team finished 1st or 2nd in state tourney six straight years.
EDWARDS, Jeri	Akron, Ohio			X	Current Team USA head coach — of both the women's and men's teams.
FANTINI, John	Vancouver, Washington			X	Veteran coach who recently has worked extensively outside of the United States.
FINE, Michael	Lawrence, Kansas		X		Developed Kansas' bowling program into a powerhouse despite lack of scholarships.
GAINES, Kendra	Orlando, Florida		X	X	Silver-level coach who works with Central Florida's program and Junior Team USA.
HALL, Bill	Las Vegas, Nevada			X	Outspoken former ball driller of the pros who has worked with numerous pro stars.
GARDNER, Chuck	Charlotte, North Carolina			X	A passionate Silver-level coach who enjoys helping pros and beginners alike.
GROGAN, Richard	Franklin, Wisconsin	X		X	Has trained more than 500 Level I & II coaches; also teaches at Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
HAGGERTY, Debbie	Weimar, California	X		X	This Silver-level coach has been running youth programs and coaching for years.
HARRIS, David	Chesapeake, Virginia	X	X		An outstanding mentor, he was USA Bowling's Developmental Coach of the Year in 2004.
HATFIELD, Ron	Pataskala, Ohio		X		Head coach of a model high school program, and has helped coach Junior Team USA.
HEARTSFIELD, Patricia	Lawrenceburg, Tennessee	X	X		Gave more than 400 lessons in past year despite suffering from Muscular Dystrophy.
HINZ, Tom	Joliet, Illinois			X	A Silver-level coach and pro shop owner known for his dedication to his students.
HOPPE, Ron	Marysville, Washington			X	Internationally acclaimed instructor, author and the founding President of IBPSIA.
HOVEN, Bobbi	Las Vegas, Nevada	X			Ran the world's largest youth program (at Showboat Lanes in Las Vegas) for 20 years.
HUBBUCH, Mark	Mt. Juliet, Tennessee		X		Led Mt. Juliet High to girls' state championship, and coached two Stars of Tomorrow.
IMES, Mike	O'Fallon, Illinois	X	X		USA Bowling master instructor who has cultivated After-School Bowling, Bowler's Ed, etc.
JASNAU, Mike	Grass Valley, California			X	Has given more than 5,000 CATS/video lessons at National Bowling Stadium in Reno.
JONES, Marty	Providence, Rhode Island	X			Members of his Providence Senate program have won 240-plus state and regional titles.
JOWDY, John	El Cajon, California			X	From Mike Aulby through Danny Wiseman, this Hall of Famer has coached countless pros.
KING, Jim	New Braunfels, Texas			X	Began coaching at the age of 12 in 1960, and now directs the Super School program.
KOUROS, Tom	Barrington, Illinois			X	Author of best-seller <i>Par Bowling</i> ; founder of Institute of Professional Bowling Instruction.
KREINS, Paul	Lake Forest Park, Washington	X		X	In management role, instituted dozens of bowler development-focused youth programs.
LAURSEN, Nazareth	Staten Island, New York	X	X	X	Has used in-School Bowling kit since it was introduced to promote youth/school bowling.
LEWIS, Mark	Wichita, Kansas		X	X	Assistant coach at Wichita State and coordinator of Shocker Bowling Camps program.
LISH, Bill	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia			X	Coached Saudi Arabia's national team, and has developed more than 70 teaching tools.
MAKI, Bob	Greendale, Wisconsin	X		X	Director of Coaching for USBC Coaching, providing programs for coaches at all levels.
MATHUS Jr., Hurman	Chicago, Illinois	X		X	A Silver-level coach and pro shop operator known for both coaching and mentoring kids.
McGRIFF, Steven	Caledonia, Illinois		X		Dedicated high school coach who has led bowling trips to Australia and New Zealand.
MICHELFEIDER, Steven	Oak Creek, Wisconsin		X		Founded high school bowling programs before moving on to coach Wisconsin-Whitewater.
MILBANK, Maryfran	Chesapeake Beach, Maryland			X	Holder of countless accreditations; USA Bowling's 2000 Developmental Coach of the Year.
MINSHEW, Susie	Alvarado, Texas			X	2-time USOC Coach of the Year and Gold-level instructor; has her own coaching business.
MORROW, Christina	Glenpool, Oklahoma			X	Coaches bowlers at 10 centers in Oklahoma and beginners at Oral Roberts University.
MORTON, Guy	El Paso, Texas	X		X	Has coached Mexico's national women's team as well as numerous collegiate stars.
MOYER, Don	Enola, Pennsylvania			X	A Gold-level coach who has instructed for both Professional Bowling Camps and Storm.
MULLEN, Michelle	Farmington Hills, Michigan	X		X	Owens Your Bowling Coach Inc. with Aleta Sill; coached for Team USA in 1994 and '95.
MURPHY, Chad	Helotes, Texas			X	A Wichita State and Team USA alumnus who works closely with Columbia 300's Pro Staff.

100 TOP COACHES

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NORMAN, Carol	Ardmore, Oklahoma			X	IBPSIA-trained and Silver-certified former pro bowler now teaching full-time for Storm.
NORTON, Virginia	Cypress, California			X	Coached son Scott and Julie Gardner to Nat'l Amateur titles and Kyle Shedd to PBA title.
NYTRAY, Mike	Fort Lauderdale, Florida			X	Coached in 11 countries during 1990s; now presents "WorldMike" workshops in U.S.
PADILLA, Stephen	Lake Wales, Florida			X	Mentored by Richard Shockley; now a highly-respected coach at Kegel Training Center.
PALMER, Diane	San Marcos, Texas	X	X	X	A "people-to-people" coach who has traveled globally to develop bowling ambassadors.
PARKER, Andy	Englewood, Ohio		X	X	Has coached at all levels with particular success with high school and college players.
PARSONS, Gary	Suitland, Maryland			X	"The Guru" has a degree in secondary education and holds numerous certifications.
PON, Cary	Greendale, Wisconsin	X	X	X	An accomplished on-lanes coach and head of USBC Coaching's certification program.
PULLMAN, Karen	Salt Lake City, Utah			X	Coached University of Utah women's team to two consecutive ACU-I championships.
PURSEL, Brian	San Antonio, Texas			X	Veteran PBA Tour ball rep who now conducts clinics across the nation for Track.
QUINONES, Edward	Endwell, New York	X			Long-time instructor who has trained and certified more than 800 youth coaches.
REA, Bob	Bothel, Washington	X		X	Has worked with Dick Ritger since 1977, and now BPAA's Director of Youth Development.
REICHLEY, Susie	Richardson, Texas			X	A Gold-level coach who has worked with numerous elite athletes, including Team USA.
RELICH, Tom	Westland, Michigan			X	Melds pro shop expertise and coaching knowledge with personality and professionalism.
RITGER, Dick	River Falls, Wisconsin			X	Hall of Famer who has conducted clinics and camps all over the world for 26 years.
ROSCO, Dean	Clearwater, Florida		X		A youth coach for 35 years, he has led Seminole Warhawks to two state high school titles.
ROSS, Rod	Manteca, California	X		X	Gold-level coach who developed BowlersMAP and is head coach of Junior Team USA.
ROSS, Teresa	Manteca, California	X		X	A highly sought-after coach in Northern California; utilizes both BowlersMAP and CATS.
SANDS, Jim	Houston, Texas			X	This Silver-level coach was USA Bowling's 1998 Developmental Coach of the Year.
SCHMID, Jack	The Villages, Florida	X		X	Has coached youth bowlers in Saudi Arabia; now has a loyal senior following in Florida.
SHADY, Mike	Fairview, Pennsylvania		X	X	Former PBA player who runs a pro shop and constantly is in demand for instructions.
SHEPARD, Tom	Goleta, California		X		This noted high school coach instills his insatiable hunger for knowledge in his students.
SHOCKLEY, Richard	Loganville, Georgia			X	Former head coach at Kegel Training Center now works in a similar role for Brunswick.
SILL, Aleta	Farmington Hills, Michigan	X		X	First woman pro "millionaire" is co-owner of Your Bowling Coach Inc. and Silver-certified.
SIMS, Brent	Winter Haven, Florida			X	A student of the game who shares his expertise with students at Kegel Training Center.
SLOWINSKI, Joe	Littleton, New Hampshire			X	One of New England's top coaches; developing <i>The Journal of Tenpin Bowling Instruction</i> .
SMITH, Lonnie	Jonesboro, Arkansas		X		YABA's 2004 David Dahms Coach of the Year says that "smiles" are his primary reward.
SPARKS, Gary	Vincennes, Indiana		X		Kerm Helmer College Bowling Coach of the Year has led Vincennes to six NJCAA titles.
SPIGNER, Bill	Vernon Hills, Illinois	X	X	X	Gold-level coach and former pro whose pupils have included Mark Williams and Kim Adler.
STRAUB, Bill	Lincoln, Nebraska		X		Coached Nebraska Huskers to the first two NCAA women's bowling championships.
STURM, Jimmy	Dunbar, West Virginia	X	X	X	A coaching-focused proprietor who directs 19 certified instructors at his 12-lane center.
TAYLOR, Bill	Cham, Switzerland			X	A legend in coaching circles who wrote the pioneering <i>Fitting & Drilling a Bowling Ball</i> .
TERRELL, Kim	Antioch, California	X		X	Pro star known for being very coachable now gives back as a coach for Junior Team USA.
THOMPSON, Todd	Reno, Nevada		X	X	Founded High Desert Inter-Scholastic Bowling Program, now with 30 volunteer coaches.
VADAKIN, Gordon	Wichita, Kansas		X		Legendary coach at Wichita State whose program has produced numerous pro stars.
VAUGHN, Monty	Anderson, Indiana		X	X	A full-time coach who teaches youth bowlers and trains coaches across Indiana.
VILAGE, Ray	West Mifflin, Pennsylvania	X	X		Instructs at all youth bowling levels; donates coaching fees to Make A Wish Foundation.
WALLDING, Richard	Spencer, New York		X	X	A Dick Ritger instructor for 24 years; teaches P.E. bowling program at Cornell University.
WARREN, Del	Helotes, Texas			X	Coached Bob Learn Jr. to PBA TV record 850 for 3 games and 1129 for 4 games in 1996.
WAY, Jerry	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	X	X	X	Highly respected coach in OKC, known for his teaching and being a role model for youth.
WEBBER, Ken	Orlando, Florida		X		A Bill Taylor protégé who has helped Central Florida become a collegiate powerhouse.
WHITAKER, Michael	Palm Bay, Florida	X	X	X	A bronze-level coach who has built successful home school and high school programs.
WILLIAMS, Richard	Chesterland, Ohio			X	The 2003 USOC Volunteer Coach of the Year has been instructing for more than 20 years.
WITT, Harry	Shrub Oak, New York	X			Established a youth scholarship program; coaches disabled vets, handicapped kids, etc.
ZUBEN, William	Largo, Florida	X	X	X	A USOC honoree who coached two teams to Florida state high school championships.