

BowlersJournal

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7th Annual 100 Top Coaches

IN 2006, *BOWLERS JOURNAL International* introduced one of the most important initiatives in the magazine's history. Its genesis can be traced to a column written 10 years earlier by then-Editor Jim Dressel, in which he lamented that he could not name 100 bowling coaches.

BJI has long championed the role of coaches in our sport.

A cover story on the topic would follow, accompanied by a great deal of discussion in the industry. No sport survives and

thrives without a core of qualified men and women who can teach the basics to beginners and the intricacies to advanced players.

In 2005, *BJI's* editorial staff decided the time had come to give recognition

where recognition was due — from the youth bowling ranks to the professional level. After a year of planning, in 2006, *BJI* unveiled its first list of "100 Top Coaches." An updated list has been issued each year

since.

To provide bowling's elite coaches with even more exposure, *BJI* now features two of them each month in a Clinic section feature called "Top Tips." (This issue's "Top Tips" feature may be found on page 42.)

With that as a prelude, we now present *BJI's* "100 Top Coaches" list for 2012...

2012 TOP COACHES

DIANDRA ASBATY
Chicago, IL

BARRY ASHER
Costa Mesa, CA

MARK BAKER
Yorba Linda, CA

DEL BALLARD JR.
Keller, TX

STEVE BARINQUE
Live Oak, TX

JASON BELMONTE
Orange, NSW, Australia

TONY BILELLO III
Bayville, NJ

TOM BLASCO
Satellite Beach, FL

FRED BORDEN
Akron, OH

MICHAEL CARON
Carmel, IN

JEFF COMBS
Milwaukie, OR

DONNA CONNERS
Houston, TX

MICHAEL D'AMBROSIO
Lynbrook, NY

MIKE DIAS
Lafayette, CO

JOHN DILL
Wheaton, IL

CAROLYN DORIN-BALLARD
Keller, Texas

DOUG DUKES
Princess Anne, DE

JERI EDWARDS
Medina, OH

JOHN FANTINI
Vancouver, WA

KRISTINA FRAHM
Princess Anne, MD

JOHN GAINES
Orlando, FL

KENDRA GAINES
Orlando, FL

OSCAR GARNICA
Pasco, WA

ANDRES GOMEZ
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

2012 TOP COACHES (CONTINUED)

JACK GREGORY
Beavercreek, OH

BRAD HAGEN
Huntsville, TX

DEBRA HAGGERTY
Rocklin, CA

BILL HALL
Las Vegas, NV

RON HATFIELD
Pataskala, OH

GREGG HELMS
Raleigh, NC

RON HOPPE
Marysville, WA

RICHARD JACOBSON
Yonkers, NY

DEREK JAMES
Farmingdale, NY

MIKE JASNAU
Liberty, UT

MARTY JONES
Providence, RI

JIM KING
New Braunfels, TX

STEVE KLOEMPEN
Pleasant View, UT

PATRICK KNIGHT
Phoenix, AZ

CORY KNOP
Tucson, AZ

MICHAEL KUBACKI
Griffith, IN

BOB LEARN JR.
Macomb, MI

DALE LEHMAN
Chicago, IL

DAVID LEVERAGE
Peoria, AZ

MARK LEWIS
Wichita, KS

RANDY LIGHTFOOT
St. Charles, MO

MICHAEL LUONGO
Howells, NY

LOU MARQUEZ
Chesterfield, MI

ROBERT MAXFIELD II
Irving, TX

JEFF McCORVEY
Owens Cross Roads, AL

JIM MERRELL
Florence, KY

MARYFRAN MILBANK
Winter Haven FL

SUSIE MINSHEW
Alvarado, TX

DON MOYER
Mt. Pleasant, SC

MICHELLE MULLEN
Farmington Hills, MI

JORDAN NASSBERG
Scottsdale, AZ

CAROL NORMAN
Houston, TX

BRYAN O'KEEFE
Arlington, TX

STEPHEN PADILLA
Mansfield, TX

ANDY PARKER
Englewood, OH

MISSY PARKIN
Lake Forest, CA

GARY PARSONS
Suitland, MD

DAVID PEARSON
Rochester, MN

VERNON PETERSON
Lake Wales, FL

KAREN PULLMAN
Salt Lake City, UT

MICHELLE RAKOW
Smyrna, TN

STEVE RICHTER
Sheboygan, WI

JEANETTE ROBINSON
Las Vegas, NV

NICK ROCCO
Dayton, NJ

ROBIN ROMEO
Santa Clarita, CA

ROD ROSS
Arlington, TX

ALAN RUNKEL
Cincinnati, OH

CARMEN SALVINO
Chicago, IL

LUCY SANDELIN
Tampa, FL

SCOTT SAVAGE
Lafayette, IN

CHRIS SCHLEMER
Brigham City, UT

JACK SCHMID
The Villages, FL

MIKE SHADY
Fairview, PA

ALETA SILL
Farmington Hills, MI

BRENT SIMS
Lake Wales, FL

BRAD SNELL
Mt. Prospect, IL

PETER SOMOFF
Tacoma, WA

2012 TOP COACHES (CONTINUED)

CHAD SORCE
West Allis, WI

GARY SPARKS
Vincennes, IN

BILL SPIGNER
Vernon Hills, IL

DEBBIE STEIN
South River, NJ

RANDY STOUGHTON
Lake Wales, FL

BILL STRAUB
Lincoln, NE

KIM TERRELL-KEARNEY
Arlington, TX

BRUCE TRES
Chicago, IL

JIM UMBENHOWER
Broken Arrow, OK

GORDON VADAKIN
Wichita, KS

JORDAN VANOVER
Saginaw, MI

DEL WARREN
Lake Wales, FL

JULIE WELLS
Westerville, OH

DON WHITE
Minneapolis, MN

RICK WILTSE
Lake Wales, FL

JOHN YORK
New Egypt, NJ

TOM ZERNIA
West Bend, WI

GREGG ZICHA
Glen Ellyn, IL

BILL ZUBEN
Largo, FL

During BJI's 100th anniversary year in 2013, we will publish a list of all "Top Coaches" honorees since the initiative's inception, accompanied by the number of times each has been selected.