

# BowlersJournal

# 100

# Top Bowling Coaches

A sampling of the many men and women working to better the sport through instruction.

The 2014 installment of *Bowlers Journal International's* 100 Top Coaches list, one of this magazine's most anticipated annual initiatives, is here just as the 2014-15 league season is ramping up. Looking for an edge this season? Chances are, there is someone on this list who can help.

Prior editions of our 100 Top Coaches list have been entirely nomination-based, while others have been entirely application-based. This

year's list, as in 2013, emerged from a combination of both. It is impossible for a list limited to 100 names to include all accomplished coaches, but those included here feature applicants and nominees who span the most diverse range of coaching experience possible.

Here, you will find local youth coaches who have helped 12-year-olds nudge their averages over 175; local adult coaches who helped

bowlers in their 80s shoot their first 300 games; Gold coaches who have helped elite players attain the highest reaches of achievement in competitive bowling; and international coaches who have blazed trails in their parts of the world.

We eagerly welcome all coaches to please consider applying for our 2015 100 Top Coaches List. The application form will be available on our website, [bowlersjournal.com](http://bowlersjournal.com), early next year.

## 100 TOP COACHES

### **DONALD J. ARMSTEAD II**

*Philadelphia, PA*  
Silver Coach; 2010 USBC David Dahms National Youth Coach Award recipient.

### **DIANDRA ASBATY**

*Chicago, IL*  
Silver Coach; Coach, International Art of Bowling; 15-time Team USA member.

### **MARK BAKER**

*Yorba Linda, CA*  
Coach, Mark Baker Bowling; Director, Camp Bakes clinics; four-time PBA Tour champion.

### **DEL BALLARD JR.**

*Keller, TX*  
Silver Coach; Storm Pro Tour Ball Rep; Hall of Famer; 13-time PBA Tour champion.

### **CHRIS BARNES**

*Double Oak, TX*  
Coach, Camp Bakes; 17-time PBA Tour champion; 13-time Team USA member.

### **MICHAEL BAUER**

*Merritt Island, FL*  
Level I Coach; Coach, Florida High School Athletic Association State Champions.

### **JASON BELMONTE**

*Orange, NSW, Australia*  
Coach, International Art of Bowling; 10-time PBA Tour champion; 2013 PBA Player of Year.

### **RICK BENOIT**

*Topeka, KS*  
Coach and President, Bowl U; former Brunswick Pro Tour Ball Rep.

### **TOM BLASCO**

*Satellite Beach, FL*  
Silver Coach; longtime coach and owner, Bowlers Corner Pro Shop.

### **HANK BOOMERSHINE**

*Brigham City, UT*  
Gold Coach; coached Lindsay Boomer-shine to three 2013 Women's Championships titles; USA Bowling Instructor.

### **FRANK BUFFA**

*Montreal, Quebec, Canada*  
Gold Coach; coached Caroline Lagrange to 2013 World Cup title in Russia.

### **BRIAN CHILCUTT**

*Long Grove, IL*  
Gold Coach

### **DAVID CIRIGLIANO**

*Phoenix, AZ*  
Head Coach and founder, Grand Canyon University bowling program.

### **PAT COSTELLO**

*Orlando, FL*  
Gold Coach; USBC Hall of Famer; five-time Women's Championships titlist.

### **MIKE DIAS**

*Lafayette, CO*  
Silver Coach; two-time PBA50 Tour champion.

### **ANDY DIERCKS**

*Marion, IA*  
Silver Coach; Coach, Linn-Mar High School; Coach, Mount Mercy University.

**CAROLYN DORIN-BALLARD**

*Keller, TX*  
Silver Coach; USBC Director of Coaching Certification and Development; USBC Hall of Famer; more than 20 pro titles.

**NORM DUKE**

*Clermont, FL*  
Coach, Next Level Coaching; 37-time PBA Tour champion; two-time PBA Player of Year.

**JOHN FANTINI**

*Michigan City, IN*  
Former coach of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Kuwait; coached clinics in England, Scotland, Russia and Belarus.

**MELODY FELTON**

*Colfax, IA*  
Silver Coach; coached 2014 Collegiate Rookie of the Year, Brittany Smith.

**JOHN GAINES**

*Winter Park, FL*  
Silver Coach; USBC Hall of Famer; four-time USBC Open Championships titlist; USA Bowling Instructor.

**KENDRA GAINES**

*Winter Park, FL*  
Silver Coach; USA Bowling Regional Instructor; two-time USBC Women's Championships titlist.

**CHUCK GARDNER**

*Charlotte, NC*  
Silver Coach; Brunswick Pro Tour Ball Rep.

**JACK GREGORY**

*Beaver Creek, OH*  
Head Coach, Fairborn High School; three-time Greater Western Ohio Conference Bowling Coach of Year.

**RICH GUCWA**

*Homer Glen, IL*  
Coach, IC Catholic Prep; coach of college bowling prospect, Jordan Newham.

**BRAD K. HAGEN**

*Huntsville, TX*  
Silver Coach; Head Coach, Sam Houston State University, 2014 NCAA National Champions.

**DEBRA HAGGERTY**

*Rocklin, CA*  
Silver Coach; coach of 2014 U12 Girls Division Junior Gold Champion, Madison Bailey.

**BILL HALL**

*Las Vegas, NV*  
Coach, Next Level Bowling; has coached Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Kuwait.

**JODY HASLAM**

*Nolensville, TN*  
Level I Coach; Bowling Team Instructor, Lipscomb Academy.

**RON HATFIELD**

*Pataskala, OH*  
Gold Coach; coach of three-time PBA Tour champion, Rhino Page.

**TERI HAUGH**

*Fairbault, MN*  
Bronze Coach; Coach, Fairbault High School; Co-founder, United States Bowling Academy.

**RON HOPPE**

*Marysville, WA*  
Gold Coach; coach of 13-time PBA Tour champion, Mika Koivuniemi.

**MICHAEL IMES**

*O'Fallon, IL*  
Silver Coach; Coach, O'Fallon High School Varsity Boys.

**DEREK JAMES**

*Wyandanch, NY*  
Silver Coach; coach of 2014 Intercollegiate Singles Championships finalist, Domenick Luongo.

**RICHARD JACOBSON**

*Yonkers, NY*  
Assistant Coach, Sacred Heart University; coach of two Northeast Conference championship teams at Sacred Heart.

**MIKE JASNAU**

*Liberty, UT*  
Silver Coach; teaching pro at National Bowling Stadium.

**STEFANIE L. JOHNSON**

*Grand Prairie, TX*  
Bronze Coach; 10-time Team USA member; two-time Team USA Trials champion.

**KEN KASPRZAK**

*Loudon, TN*  
Silver Coach; coach of Union College bowling scholarship recipient, Andrew Long.

**KIM TERRELL-KEARNEY**

*Grand Prairie, TX*  
Silver Coach; USBC Hall of Famer; Team USA assistant coach; 10-time pro titlist; winner of two U.S. Women's Opens and the 2002 USBC Queens.

**STEVE KLOEMPKEN**

*Pleasant View, UT*  
Silver Coach; two-time Team USA member; has coached for Singapore and Korea.

**CORY KNOP**

*Tucson, AZ*  
Silver Coach; coached 2012 Sahuaro High School State Champions.

**MICHAEL KUBACKI**

*Griffith, IL*  
Head Coach, Calumet College of St. Joseph; 2013 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Bowling Coach of the Year; 2013 Kern Helmer Men's Coach of the Year.

**KELLY KULICK**

*Union, NJ*  
Bronze Coach; 10-time Team USA member; 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions winner; has won two U.S. Women's Open and two USBC Queens.

**BOB LEARN JR.**

*Lantana, FL*  
Silver Coach; Coach, Bowling Revolutions; five-time PBA Tour champion; two-time PBA50 Tour champion.

**MARK LEWIS**

*Wichita, KS*  
Assistant Coach, Wichita State University; 2013 and 2014 Kern Helmer Women's Coach of the Year.

**DAVID LEVERAGE**

*Peoria, AZ*  
Advisor, Arizona State University Bowling Club; Coach, Bowling With Leverage Pro Shops.

**LOU MARQUEZ**

*Sterling Heights, MI*  
Gold Coach; President, International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association.

**ROBERT C. MAXFIELD II**

*Irving, TX*  
Silver Coach; Coach, Big Cats Advanced Youth Programs.

**JIM MERRELL**

*Florence, KY*  
Youth Coach, Northwest Lanes; coached 2008 Teen Masters champion, Joe Imholte.

**MAYFRAN MILBANK**

*Winter Haven, FL*  
Silver Coach; coached 2013 Orange Belt USBC Youth Tournament Division I Scratch champion, Justin Wisler.

**TENNELLE MILLIGAN**

*Arlington, TX*  
Bronze Coach; six-time Team USA member; 2005 USBC Queens champion; 2000 U.S. Women's Open champion.

**SUSIE MINSHEW**

*Alvarado, TX*  
Gold Coach; two-time United States Olympic Committee Coach of the Year.

**COSTAS MITSINGAS**

*Nicosia, Cyprus*  
Gold Coach; first coach outside the U.S. to earn USBC gold coach certification.

**AMLETO MONACELLI**

*Aventura, FL*  
Coach, Bowling Revolutions; USBC and PBA Hall of Famer; 19-time PBA Tour Champion.

**DON MOYER**

*Mt. Pleasant, SC*  
Gold Coach; Co-founder, Professional Bowling Instruction, Inc. (with Michelle Mullen).

**MICHELLE MULLEN**

*Farmington Hills, MI*  
Gold Coach; author, "Bowling Fundamentals and How to Pick Up Spares"; former Team USA coach; Co-founder, Professional Bowling Instruction, Inc.

**PAENG NEPOMUCENO**

*Makati City, Philippines*  
Gold Coach; six-time world champion; winner of more than 120 career titles.

**DALE NIEMELA**

*Midlothian, VA*  
Silver Coach; Coach, Next Level Coaching; coach of PBA Tour champions Rhino Page, Norm Duke and Mike Machuga.

**MICHAEL NYTRAY**

*Parkland, FL*  
Gold Coach; two-time United States Olympic Committee National Development Coach of the Year.

**BRYAN O'KEEFE**

*O'Fallon, IL*  
Gold Coach; former Team USA assistant coach; current Director of Bowling, McKendree University.

**SHANNON O'KEEFE**

*O'Fallon, IL*  
Silver Coach; women's head coach, McKendree University; 11-time Team USA member; two-time Team USA Trials champion.

**LONNY OLSON**

*Fairbault, MN*  
Bronze Coach; longtime instructor for Dick Ritger Bowling Camps; Co-founder, United States Bowling Academy (with Teri Haugh).

**STEPHEN PADILLA**

*Mansfield, TX*  
Gold Coach; USBC Coaching Specialist, International Training and Research Center.

**ANDY PARKER**

*Englewood, OH*  
Silver Coach; Coach, Poelking Lanes South and Bowl 10; Coach, Winning Strategies Clinic.

**MISSY PARKIN**

*Laguna Hills, CA*  
Silver Coach; USA Bowling Regional Instructor; five-time Team USA member; 2011 USBC Queens champion; 2012 women's World Bowling Tour Finals champion.

**GARY PARSONS**

*Suitland, MD*  
Coach, AMF Capital Plaza; two-time International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association board member; 8th recipient of John Davis Award.

**ANDREW PENNY**

*Stevenage, Hertfordshire, U.K.*  
Gold Coach; first Northern European coach to earn USBC gold coach certification.

**VERNON PETERSON**

*Lake Wales, FL*  
Silver Coach; 2013 USBC Open Championships Regular Team titlist; three-time Team USA member.

**KAREN PULLMAN**

*Salt Lake City, UT*  
Gold Coach; Coach, Bowl to Win Pro Shop; Coach, All-Star Sandy Lanes.

**MICHELLE RAKOW**

*Smyrna, TN*  
Silver Coach; Coach, Bowlers Advantage Pro Shops.

**STEVE RICHTER**

*Sheboygan, WI*  
Silver Coach; Coach, Elite Pro Shop.

**NICK ROCCO**

*Dayton, NJ*  
Silver Coach; Coach, East Brunswick High School.

**ROBIN ROMEO**

*Santa Clarita, CA*  
Coach, Camp Bakes; USBC Hall of Famer; 1989 U.S. Women's Open winner.

**ROD ROSS**

*Cedar Hill, TX*  
Gold Coach; Team USA head coach.

**TERESA ROSS**

*Cedar Hill, TX*  
Silver Coach; USBC Coaching Specialist.

**CARMEN SALVINO**

*Chicago, IL*  
17-time PBA Tour champion; USBC and PBA Hall of Famer.

**LUCY SANDELIN**

*Tampa, FL*  
Silver Coach; Coach, World Cup Bowling Academy; 10-time Team USA Member; became first woman to win the World Cup in 1976.

**CECIL SCARBORO**

*Stockton, CA*  
Silver Coach; Instructor, Innovative Bowling Products Drilling School; has coached PBA champions Kelly Kulick and Dave Bolles.

**CHRIS SCHLEMER**

*Ogden, UT*  
Silver Coach; Storm Pro Tour Ball Rep.

**JACK SCHMID**

*The Villages, FL*  
Silver Coach; coach of senior women's bowler, Carol Teel, winner of several medals at the 52nd Lee Evans Tournament of Americas.

**MIKE SHADY**

*Fairview, PA*  
Coach, Peak Performance Bowling.

**RICHARD SHOCKLEY**

*Port St. Lucie, FL*  
Silver Coach; coached Jason Couch, a USBC and PBA Hall of Famer and 16-time PBA Tour champion, as well as three-time PBA Tour champion Rhino Page.

**ALETA SILL**

*Farmington Hills, MI*  
Coach, Aleta Sill's Bowling World Pro Shop; coached women's pro bowling champion, Michelle Feldman.

**BRENT SIMS**

*Lake Wales, FL*  
Coach, Kegel Training Center; has provided bowling instruction in Dominican Republic.

**JOE SLOWINSKI**

*Budapest, Hungary*  
Gold Coach; author of bi-monthly newsletter, "Bowling Knowledge"; has coached in Egypt, Brazil, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Hungary, Germany and elsewhere.

**BRAD SNELL**

*Mt. Prospect, IL*  
Silver Coach; Coach, New Approach Pro Shops.

**BILL SPIGNER**

*Vernon Hills, IL*  
Gold Coach; Coach, International Art of Bowling; coach to several pros including Hall of Famers Johnny Petraglia, Dave Soutar and Mark Williams.

**DEBRA STEIN**

*South River, NJ*  
Silver Coach; coach of 2014 Middlesex County Individual Champion, Thomas Leone.

**RANDY STOUGHTON**

*Lake Wales, FL*  
Gold Coach; Coach, Kegel Training Center; Head Coach, Webber International University, 2014 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Champions.

**BRUCE TRES**

*Chicago, IL*  
Varsity Girls Coach, Loyola Academy; founder, Girls Catholic Athletic Conference bowling; Youth Coach, Brunswick Zone Niles.

**GORDON VADAKIN**

*Wichita, KS*  
Gold Coach; USBC Hall of Famer; Head Coach, Wichita State University; coached 17 of 19 national title teams at Wichita State.

**JORDAN VANOVER**

*Chesterfield, MI*  
Silver Coach; Coach, Bowl U; has coached champion bowlers such as Bo Goergen, Dan MacLelland, Matt Gasn and others.

**DEL WARREN**

*Lake Wales, FL*  
Gold Coach; Coach and VP, Kegel Training Center; coached pro bowling champions Bob Learn Jr., John Mazza, Jason Belmonte, Diandra Asbaty, Marianne DiRupo and others.

**ARNOLD C. WELCH JR.**

*Newton Falls, OH*  
Silver Coach; Affiliate Member, Ohio High School Bowling Coaches Association.

**JULIE WELLS**

*Westerville, OH*  
Silver Coach; Coach, Westerville Central High School; named 2012 Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

**RICK WILTSE**

*Lake Wales, FL*  
Silver Coach; Coach, Kegel Training Center; Assistant Coach, Webber International University, 2014 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Champions.

**KEN YOKOBOSKY**

*Rockaway, NJ*  
Gold Coach; became first bowling coach at Caldwell College in 2014; former Team USA assistant coach; coach and co-owner, Pro Image Bowling Pro Shop.

**JOHN YORK**

*New Egypt, NJ*  
Silver Coach; Coach, Cheyney University.

**TOM ZERNIA**

*West Bend, WI*  
Coach, West Bend High School; coached 2010 Teen Masters winner, Morgan O'Brien; Coach, Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin annual Coaching Summit.

**BILL ZUBEN**

*Largo, FL*  
Gold Coach; host, "Let's Go Bowling."