

BowlersJournal

100

Top Bowling Coaches

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

The 2015 installment of *BJI's* 100 Top Coaches list, one of this magazine's most anticipated annual initiatives, is here just as the 2015-16 league season is ramping up. Looking for an edge this season? Chances are, there is someone on this list who can help.

While the past two years have featured lists that blended coaches who submitted applications with those who were nominated by our selection panel, this year saw an extraordinary response that yielded a list populated entirely by those who applied. Today's bowling industry may have its challenges, but the response this initiative generated in 2015 makes clear that the

industry still is seeing a tremendous hunger for education among coaches seeking to hone their craft and students wishing to learn from them.

Coaches who take the time to apply each year provide an invaluable contribution by helping ensure this list's integrity. While this feature is called "100 Top Coaches," not "Top 100 Coaches", and is therefore a sampling of 100 of the best coaches out there rather than a list pretending to coronate the best 100 coaches in the land, our selection panel strives mightily to assemble a list that reflects the finest talent a given year's field of applicants contains.

This year's list features a plethora

of Gold and Silver coaches speckled with PBA and PWBA champions and decorated college coaches. Some on this list have been practicing their craft for more than half-a-century while nonetheless continuing to learn and keep up with changes in this rapidly evolving sport. Others, such as Delaware State University Head Coach and PWBA Sacramento Open winner, Elysia Current, are rising rapidly through the coaching ranks while also proving themselves on the lanes.

We eagerly welcome all coaches to please consider applying for our 2016 100 Top Coaches list. The application form will be available on our website, bowlersjournal.com, early next year.

100 TOP COACHES

BARBARA COUNCIL-ARMSTEAD

Philadelphia, PA
2015 David Dahms
Coach of the Year
Silver Coach

DONALD ARMSTEAD II

Philadelphia, PA
Coach, Erie Lanes
IBPSIA-certified Technician

DIANDRA ASBATY

Chicago, IL
Coach, IABowling

MARK BAKER

Coach, Mark Baker Bowling
Director, Camp Bakes Clinics

DEL BALLARD JR.

Keller, TX
Storm PBA Tour Representative
Silver Coach

CAROLYN DORIN-BALLARD

Keller, TX
Former Director, USBC Coaching
Member, USBC Hall of Fame

JASON BELMONTE

Orange, NSW, Australia
Coach, IABowling

TOM BLASCO

Satellite Beach, FL
Coach, Shore Lanes Palm Bay
Silver Coach

PARKER BOHN III

Jackson, NJ
Member, PBA and USBC Halls of Fame
Silver Coach

DAVID BOLT

Champaign, IL
IBPSIA-certified Technician
Coach, Arrowhead Lanes
Coach, Western Bowl
Silver Coach

HANK BOOMERSHINE

Perry, UT
Former Storm PBA Tour Representative
International Coach (Korea)
GOLD Coach

FRANK BUFFA

Montreal, Quebec, Canada
GOLD Coach

MICHAEL F. CARON

Carmel, IN
Head Coach, Carmel High School
Silver Coach

JACK CLEMENTE

Flushing, NY
Coach, Whitestone Lanes,
Jib Lanes, Astoria Bowl

RON CLIFTON

Winston Salem, NC
Coach, Creekside Lanes
Longtime Contributor, *Bowling This Month*

DONNA CONNERS

Houston, TX
Member, Houston and TX State
Halls of Fame
Silver Coach

PAT COSTELLO

Orlando, FL
Member, USBC Hall of Fame
GOLD Coach

ELYSIA CURRENT

Ephrata, PA
Head Coach, Delaware State University
2015 DSU Coach of the Year

MIKE DIAS

Lafayette, CO
GOLD Coach

ANDY DIERCKS

Marion, IA
Head Coach, Mount Mercy High School
IBPSIA-certified Technician
Silver Coach

JIM DUNN

Lexington, KY
Head Coach, Lexington Catholic H.S.
Silver Coach

JAMES EBELS

Stanton, MI
GOLD Coach

CHUCK GARDNER

Charlotte, NC
Brunswick PBA Tour Representative
Silver Coach

RUBEN GHIRAGOSSIAN

Lake Wales, FL
International Coach
(England, Indonesia,
Latvia, Singapore, Venezuela)

JACK GREGORY

Beavercreek, OH
Head Coach, Fairborn H.S.
Coach, Bowl 10 Fairborn
Silver Coach

RICH GUCWA JR.

Homer Glen, IL
Silver Coach

ALEXANDER GURKOV

Moscow, Russia
Head Coach, Russian National
Youth Team
Silver Coach

BRAD HAGEN

Huntsville, TX
Head Coach, Sam Houston State
Silver Coach

DEBRA HAGGERTY

Rocklin, CA
Silver Coach

RON HATFIELD

Pataskala, OH
International Coach
(Ukraine, Scotland, Lithuania)
Head Coach, RKH Coaching Group
GOLD Coach

RON HOPPE

Marysville, WA
GOLD Coach

MICHAEL IMES

O'Fallon, IL
Youth Coach, St. Clair Bowl
Head Coach, O'Fallon H.S.
Silver Coach

DEREK JAMES

Wyandanch, NY
Head Coach, Stony Brook University
Silver Coach

MIKE JASNAU

Liberty, UT
Coach, National Bowling Stadium
Silver Coach

MARTY JONES

Providence, RI
2011 David Dahms Coach of the Year
Silver Coach

KIM KEARNEY

Assistant Coach, Team USA
Silver Coach

PAUL KLEMPA

Lincoln, NE
Women's Assistant Coach,
University of Nebraska

STEVE KLOEMPEN

Pleasant View, UT
International Coach (Singapore)
IBPSIA-certified Technician
Silver Coach

CORY KNOP

Tucson, AZ
Coach, Brunswick Camino Seco Bowl
IBPSIA-certified Technician
Silver Coach

CHRISTOS KONSTANTAKOPOULOS

Skövde, Sweden
Head Coach, Västergötlands
Bowling Federation
Silver Coach

MICHAEL KUBACKI

Griffith, IN
Head Coach, Calumet College
of St. Joseph
2013 NAIABCA Coach of the Year
2013 NCBCA Coach of the Year
Silver Coach

KELLY KULICK

Union, NJ
Bronze Coach

TOM LASKOW

Dover, NJ
International Coach (Cyprus)
2015 Bill Bunetta Lighthouse Award
Silver Coach

BOB LEARN JR.

Lantana, FL
Co-founder, Revolutions Coaching
Silver Coach

DAVID LEVERAGE

Peoria, AZ
Coach, AMF Union Hills
Silver Coach

MARK LEWIS

Wichita, KS
Assistant Coach,
Wichita State University
International Coach
(United Arab Emirates)
Three-time NCBCA Women's
Coach of the Year
Silver Coach

LOU MARQUEZ

Coach, Metro Detroit Bowling &
Resource Center
Former President, IBPSIA
GOLD Coach

ROBERT C. MAXFIELD

Irving, TX
Coach, L.D. Bell H.S.
IBPSIA-certified Technician
Silver Coach

JIM MERRELL

Florence, KY
Coach, Northwest Lanes
IBPSIA-certified Technician
Silver Coach

MARYFRAN MILBANK

Winter Haven, FL
Coach, Kegel Training Center
Silver Coach

SUSIE MINSHAW

Alvarado, TX
Two-time USOC Bowling
Coach of the Year
BowLU Skill Development Coach
Bronze and Silver Instructor
GOLD Coach

COSTAS MITSINGAS

Aradippou, Cyprus
Director, Bowl to Win Training Center
GOLD Coach

AMLETO MONACELLI

Aventura, FL
Member, USBC and PBA Hall of Fame
Co-founder, Revolutions Coaching

DON MOYER

Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
GOLD Coach

MICHELLE MULLEN

Farmington Hills, MI
Coach, Aleta Sill's Bowling World
GOLD Coach

PAENG NEPOMUCENO

Makati City, Philippines
Member, USBC Hall Of Fame
GOLD Coach

DALE NIEMELA

Midlothian, VA
Co-Founder, Next Level Bowling
International Coach (Saudi Arabia)
Silver Coach

CAROL NORMAN

Houston, TX
Member, USBC Hall of Fame
Silver Coach

MICHAEL NYTRAY

Parkland, FL
Two-time USOC National Development
Coach of the Year
GOLD Coach

BRYAN O'KEEFE

O'Fallon, IL
Former Assistant Coach, Team USA
Director of Bowling,
McKendree University
GOLD Coach

SHANNON O'KEEFE

O'Fallon, IL
Women's Head Coach,
McKendree University
Bronze Coach

DENNY O'NEILL

Rochester Hills, MI
Head Coach, Lake Orion H.S.
IBPSIA-certified Technician
Silver Coach

DAVID O'SULLIVAN

Oviedo, FL
International Coach
(Dominican Republic)
Silver Coach

STEPHEN PADILLA

Mansfield, TX
Director, USBC Coaching
Assistant Coach, Team USA
Gold Coach

ANDY PARKER

Miamisburg, OH
Head Coach, Centerville H.S.
Silver Coach

MISSY PARKIN

Laguna Hills, CA
USA Bowling Instructor
Silver Coach

ANDREW PENNY

Stevenage, Hertfordshire, U.K.
GOLD Coach

VERN PETERSON

Winter Haven, FL
Pro Shop Manager,
Kegel Training Center

CHRIS PREBLE

Clovis, CA
Head Coach, Fresno State University
Silver Coach

KAREN PULLMAN

Salt Lake City, UT
GOLD Coach

MIKE RAKOW

Smyrna, TN
IBPSIA Advanced Technician
Silver Coach

JOCHEN REHBEIN

Lorsch, Germany
Silver Coach

ROD ROSS

Cedar Hill, TX
Head Coach, Team USA
GOLD Coach

CHRIS SAND

Sterling Heights, MI
Coach, Turbo Tech Collegiate Expo
Bronze Coach

LUCY SANDELIN

Tampa, FL
Member, USBC Hall of Fame
Silver Coach

CHRIS SCHLEMER

Brigham City, UT
Storm PBA Tour Representative
International Coach
Silver Coach

CHUCK SCHOMMER

Columbia, SC
Coach, Royal Z Lanes
Silver Coach

MIKE SHADY

Girard, PA
Coach, Turbo Tech Collegiate Expo
Coach, Peak Performance Camps
Silver Coach

RICHARD SHOCKLEY

Loves Park, IL
Coach, Bowlersmart
Former Team USA coach
Former Kegel coach
GOLD Coach

ALETA SILL

Farmington Hills, MI
Member, USBC Hall of Fame
Member, MI State Sports Hall of Fame
Coach, Aleta Sill's Bowling World
Silver Coach

DAVE SILL

Titusville, FL
Coach, Shore Lanes

BRENT SIMS

Lake Wales, FL
Coach, Kegel Training Center
International Coach
(Dominican Republic)

JOE SLOWINSKI

Budapest, Hungary
International Coach (Brazil, Egypt)
GOLD Coach

BRAD SNELL

Mt. Prospect, IL
Silver Coach

PETER SOMOFF

Tacoma, WA
Storm Global Technician Director
International Coach
GOLD Coach

BRETT SPANGLER

Niles, OH
Motiv PBA Tour Representative

GARY SPARKS

Vincennes, IN
Head Coach, Vincennes University
NJCAA Bowling Coaches Hall of Fame
Two-time NCBCA Coach of the Year
Silver Coach

BILL SPIGNER

Vernon Hills, IL
Head Coach, Vernon Hills H.S.
Coach, IABowling
USA Bowling Instructor
GOLD Coach

DEBBIE STEIN

South River, NJ
Coach, Brunswick Zone Carolier
Silver Coach

RANDY STOUGHTON

Lake Wales, FL
Women's Head Coach,
Webber International University
Coach, Kegel Training Center
GOLD Coach

JIM UBENHOWER

Broken Arrow, OK
Silver Coach

GORDON VADAKIN

Wichita, KS
Head Coach, Wichita State University
Member, USBC Hall of Fame
Member, National Bowling
Coaches Hall of Fame
Member, Kansas Bowling and
Wichita Sport Hall of Fame
GOLD Coach

JORDAN VANOVER

Auburn Hills, MI
IBPSIA Instructor
Bowlu-certified Coach
Silver Coach

DEL WARREN

Coach and VP, Kegel Training Center
Men's Head Coach,
Webber International University
GOLD Coach

ARNOLD C. WELCH

Newton Falls, OH
Member, Ohio H.S.
Bowling Coaches Association
2009 Ohio State Youth
Coach of the Year
Silver Coach

RICHARD WILTSE

Lake Wales, FL
Coach, Kegel Training Center
Assistant Coach,
Webber International University
Silver Coach

SHAWN WOCHNER

Lake in the Hills, IL
Men's Head Coach,
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
2014 Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year
Bronze Coach

KEN YOKOBOSKY

Rockaway, NJ
Head Women's Coach, Caldwell College
Former Team USA Assistant Coach
GOLD Coach

JOHN YORK

New Egypt, NJ
Women's Head Coach,
Cheyney University
Silver Coach

BILL ZUBEN

Largo, FL
GOLD Coach