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March 13-15	ITC Sectionals
March 17-20	PBA Indiana Classic*
March 19-21	NAIA Bowling National Championship
March 20-22	SWAC Women's Bowling Championship
March 23-28	USBC Masters*
March 28	PWBA Eastern Pennsylvania Regional
March 30-April 2	PBA Ohio Classic*

APRIL

April 6-10	PBA New York Classic*
April 14-15	Intercollegiate Singles Championships*
April 14-17	PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship*
April 16-17	Intercollegiate Team Championships*
April 16-19	USBC Senior Queens
April 18	PWBA Rhode Island Regional
April 21-24	PBA Tournament of Champions*
April 28-30	USBC Convention
April 30-May 2	PWBA Rockford Open

MAY

May 7-9	PWBA Northern Colorado Open
May 13	PWBA Hall of Fame Ceremony
May 13-18	USBC Queens*
May 22-25	U22 Queens and Masters
May 26-June 1	PWBA Summer Series - Rochester
May 27-31	USBC Super Senior Classic

JUNE

June 1-7	USBC Senior Masters
June 4-6	PWBA Columbus Open
June 8-12	PBA Jr. World Series of Bowling
June 9-15	U.S. Women's Open*

JULY

July 8-9	USA Bowling National Championships
July 12	Junior Gold Championships - Opening Ceremony
July 13-18	Junior Gold Championships*
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The 2026 USBC Open Championships is taking place across 128 consecutive days (March 14 – July 19) at the Taj Mahal of Tenpins.



The 122nd edition of the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships is upon us, and we're back at the legendary National Bowling Stadium to welcome approximately 11,000 teams and 55,000 competitors to Reno, Nevada, in 2026!

This marks the tournament's 12th visit to the NBS and 15th trip to The Biggest Little City in the World. Before we get too far into this year's program book, however, we'd be remiss not to wish our hosting venue some belated cheer.

The National Bowling Stadium celebrated its 30th anniversary last year, and the impact this facility (and great city) has had on the Open Championships and many of USBC's Championship Tournaments is beyond words. So, we'll let some of the numbers and magical moments do the talking.

Since opening its doors to the Open Championships in 1995 (a record year with 17,285 teams), a total of 146,065 teams have competed at the NBS through our last visit in 2023. That adds up to more than 730,000 bowlers rolling strikes and spares across the 78-lane venue.

Speaking of strikes (and big numbers), there have been 285 300s rolled at the Stadium during the Open Championships to go along with 51 sets of 800 or higher.

David Cirigliano of Phoenix is the owner of three of those 300s (1998, 2007, 2016). Five-time Eagle winner Matt McNiel

of Alva, Florida, and two-time champion Matt Weggen of Muscatine, Iowa, each can claim a pair of 800s at the NBS.

McNiel posted 806 during his singles set in 2010 on the way to winning Regular All-Events with a record score of 2,326. The southpaw connected for 822 in doubles the following year in Reno.

Weggen also had some fun striking at the NBS during the 2011 event. After rolling an 806 series in doubles, he added 826 in singles to win both Regular Singles and Regular All-Events (2,268).

Who authored the highest series at the Stadium for the Open Championships? We're glad you asked! That distinction belongs to USBC Hall of Famer John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, with 858. He rolled games of 300, 279 and 279 to win Regular Singles in 2004, and the big number also helped him record the victory in Regular All-Events with 2,224.

Janawicz joins fellow USBC Hall of Famer John Gaines of Orlando, Florida, with three Eagles at the NBS. Along with his two wins in 2004, Janawicz and Gaines helped Lodge Lanes Too win the Regular Team title in 2013 with a then-record tally of 3,538.

Gaines – a four-time winner at the Open Championships (Team All-Events in Huntsville, Alabama, during the 1997 event) – also earned a pair of titles at the NBS in 1998. He

helped Lodge Lanes record its second consecutive win in Team All-Events and took home the top spot in Regular Singles with 814.

Are there any team records at the Taj Mahal of Tenpins? Of course! The records for highest team game and series both took place at the Stadium in 2014.

The only game north of 1,300 at the Open Championships belongs to Team Turbo Grips with 1,318. That performance was authored by Terry Rohrer (298), George Palumbo (268), Kent Wagner (266), 2010 Team All-Events champion JR Raymond (258) and 2013 Regular Singles winner Zeke Bayt (228). The wins for Raymond and Bayt also took place at the NBS.

That exciting edition also welcomed the first and only 3,700 in tournament history. The members of Artistic Expressions 1 (Xeno Garcia, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Jimmy McMartin, Ted Pritts and Pete Thomas) won the Eagle in Regular Team with games of 1,255, 1,188 and 1,277 for a 3,720 total in Reno.

This could go on for pages and pages, so we'll switch to another important partner in Reno's premier resort casinos. Eldorado, Silver Legacy and Circus Circus are serving as the presenting sponsors for the Open Championships in 2026 (and 2029 and 2032, too).

Silver Legacy also will be the spot to pick up all same-day payouts for brackets in 2026, so be sure to let your teammates know where to head to collect their winnings.

The three Caesars properties are located just across the way from the Stadium, and the options really are endless.

When looking at dining, it's hard to go wrong with spots like La Strada, Roxy, Brew Brothers and Ichiban at Eldorado. If you're venturing through Silver Legacy, you can find a pair of Gordon Ramsay restaurants (Ramsay's Kitchen and Gordon Ramsay Fish and Chips) as well as Ruth's Chris, and El Jefe's Cantina can be found inside Circus Circus.

For entertainment, shows are always rolling through the venues at Eldorado and Silver Legacy. Looking for a laugh or two? Check out the schedule at the Laugh Factory. There's also the Topgolf Swing Suite at Silver Legacy – a great way to start the team building before the team event!

The gaming opportunities across all three resorts are well known. Taking a quick tally, you can find more than 2,200 slot machines, nearly 150 electronic table games and approximately 75 table games by traveling through all three spots. You also can catch a game with a sportsbook at each location.

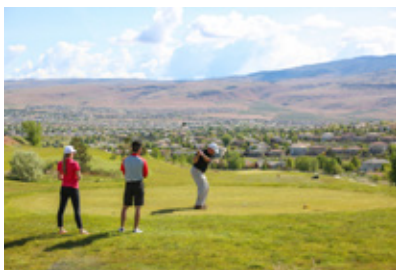
If you're curious for more options at Eldorado, Silver Legacy and Circus Circus, be sure to take a look at their website

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dedicated to the 2026 Open Championships at Caesars.com/Reno/Events/USBC.

Now, we know we'll be seeing bowling jerseys at all three resorts, but we also hope you get to enjoy all that Reno and the surrounding areas have to offer during your trip.

Another popular spot for a different kind of jersey will be Greater Nevada Field – home of the Reno Aces. The stadium is located just behind the NBS, and the Aces are the Triple-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks. The team's first homestand will be in late March, so be sure to glance at the schedule if you'd like to take in a game.

Just across the Truckee River from Greater Nevada Field, you'll find the National Automobile Museum, a perfect place for the car buff in your group featuring more than 240 classics showcasing the auto industry over the years.

If you continue to head south of the Truckee, you'll make your way to Reno's MidTown District. Art, culture and history is the name of the game across this 1.2-mile stretch, which features more than 150 different businesses and an awesome selection of restaurants, bars and more. Some favorite spots for a bite or drink include Homegrown Gastropub, Brasserie Saint James and Süp.

A sunny day in Reno calls for some time alongside the Truckee River, too. The Eddy and Wild River Grille are just two

of the many spots to check out with great views of the river.

There's so many cool spots within close proximity to downtown for dinner or a drink, whether you're into longstanding favorites like The Depot or Louis' Basque Corner or want to try something a little newer on the scene like Washoe Public House, Tequila Catador or Mexcal.

Heading north of downtown, you'll run across the campus of the Wolf Pack – University of Nevada, Reno. To the east, you'll head into Sparks and find The Outlets at Legends near the Sparks Marina for shopping, dining, entertainment and more.

If you're ready to put some miles on the rental car, you already know the first suggestion. Lake Tahoe is renowned across the globe for its crystal-clear water and picturesque views over the mountains, but that's just the beginning of the offerings around the area. Schedule a round of golf with your teammates, take in a day at the beach or find a boat tour that's just right for the group.

While we touched on just a few things to consider for your time in Washoe County, we highly encourage you to visit our friends at VisitRenoTahoe.com to see the full spectrum of experiences, events, adventures, dining and more.

Most importantly, we hope you have a great experience on and off the lanes for the 2026 Open Championships. Here's to plenty of strikes, spares and good times!

KEEP UP WITH THE CHANGES

The 2026 USBC Open Championships will feature some key changes. Get to know them before it's time to compete in Reno.

The United States Bowling Congress announced in 2024 that several adjustments to the tournament structure for the Open Championships were on the way starting at the 2026 event.

In September of 2025, USBC adopted new tournament rules for its nationally conducted events – including the Open Championships – concerning the use of slow oil-absorbing high-performance (urethane) bowling balls.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE UPDATES

- There was an adjustment to the average ranges for each of the tournament's three divisions. In 2026, the Regular Division will feature bowlers with Championships Averages of 182 and above. The Standard Division will include bowlers from 161-181, and the Classified Division now will feature competitors with averages of 160 and below. This also changed the average thresholds for team and doubles composition.
- There was an increase in the entry fee that goes solely to the prize fund. The cost for each event (team, doubles, singles) went up by \$10, and there was a \$5 increase to enter all-events. All of that goes directly to the tournament's prize fund. Looking at how that impacts the totals, the prize fund for the 2024 Open Championships (with 11,012 teams) eclipsed \$7.3 million. A similar number in 2026 would push the prize fund north of \$9.2 million.
- There was an adjustment to the rules for team and

doubles composition impacting past national team members (Team USA/Junior Team USA), collegiate athletes and professional bowlers age 60 and older. If you fall into any of these designations, please take a look at Rule 21 in the tournament's rulebook to make sure your team's lineup is good to go. Check out all the rules for the 2026 Open Championships by scanning the QR code below.



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TOURNAMENT RULES

- The September 2025 update impacts the Open Championships (and Bowlers Journal Championships) by requiring all slow oil-absorbing high-performance (urethane) bowling balls to be manufactured at a minimum 78D hardness. This means that certain balls now are ineligible for use at the Open Championships and Bowlers Journal Championships. To find the list of ineligible equipment, scan the QR code below. If you have any questions about your equipment prior to competing, please let a member of our on-site tournament team know.



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INELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT

As mentioned in the final bullet point, if you have any questions about the changes in 2026, feel free to ask our staff. For additional information on the Open Championships, you also can head to BOWL.com/OpenChamp.



FOLLOW US

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 National Bowling Stadium and check out highlights around Reno.

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2025 TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

Meet the tournament champions from the 2025 USBC Open Championships in Baton Rouge, Louisiana! After the final ball was rolled at the Raising Cane's River Center, these 32 bowlers earned the top spots in their respective divisions and events.



TEAM ALL-EVENTS

Bowlers
Headquarters
Neenah, Wis.

10,053

(L to R)
William Welch
James Tucker III
Joseph Vrobel
Chad Kloss
Mitch Beasley



REGULAR TEAM

Phat Kidz Crew
Pekin, Ill.

3,300

(L to R)
Travis Anderson
Andrew Stone
Anthony Recsnik
Thomas Barnwell
Steven Taylor



REGULAR DOUBLES

Joseph Robillard
Farmington, Minn.

Robert Clements
Plymouth, Minn.

1,494



REGULAR SINGLES

Marc McDowell
Black River Falls, Wis.

795



**REGULAR
ALL-EVENTS**
Andrew Anderson
Chesterfield
Township, Mich.
2,184



**STANDARD
DOUBLES**
Emily Cox
North Dinwiddie, Va.
Brandyn Cox
Chesterfield, Va.
1,290



**STANDARD
TEAM**
Leave Your Mark
Pro Shop #3
Keller, Texas
2,845
(L to R)
Joshua Dundas
Michelle Schafer
Amanda Nowasell
Russ Schafer
Steven McCracken



**STANDARD
SINGLES**
Kory Cockrum
Grand Junction, Colo.
746



**STANDARD
ALL-EVENTS**
Jeff Dent
Glade Hill, Va.
1,981



**CLASSIFIED
TEAM**
Hansen Hardscapes
Alexandria, Minn.
2,422
(L to R)
Ashley Ohlrogge
Jessica Cook
David Nelson
Christopher Cook
Eric Ohlrogge



CLASSIFIED DOUBLES

Alaina Moore
and Shane Moore
Reno, Nev.

1,172



CLASSIFIED SINGLES

Kenneth Hurst
Dayton, Ohio

645



CLASSIFIED ALL-EVENTS

Nolan Hartl
Cannon Falls, Minn.

1,764

2025 BOWLERS JOURNAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS

All Star Lanes, Baton Rouge, La.

OPEN SINGLES

Mitch Hupé, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 837

SENIOR SINGLES

Jon Rakoski, Estero, Fla., 842

SUPER SENIOR SINGLES

Rich Abboud, Omaha, Neb., 804

175 & UNDER HANDICAP SINGLES

Jeffrey Alton, Overland Park, Kan., 733

OPEN DOUBLES

PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif.,
and Shawn Naumann, Orlando, Fla., 1,592

SENIOR DOUBLES

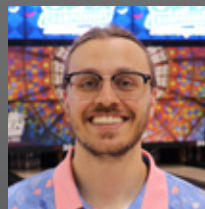
Rich Abboud, Omaha, Neb.,
and Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 1,530

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Jason LaShane and Gabriel Spells, Meridian, Miss., 1,311

DUAL ENTRY PRIZE FUND

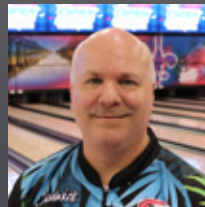
Jon Rakoski, Estero, Fla., 842



Mitch Hupé



Shawn Naumann
and PJ Haggerty



Jon Rakoski



Dennis Rakauskas
and Rich Abboud

SIDE EVENTS FOR 2026



CHECK THE SCHEDULE

Take a look at the squad schedule for The Forty Frame Game, Bowlers Journal Championships and team practice sessions in Reno:

- **The Forty Frame Game**
10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
and 10:30 p.m. (Kingpin Club)
- **Bowlers Journal Championships**
8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m.,
8 p.m. and 11 p.m. (fourth floor)
- **Team practice sessions**
Kingpin Club - 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Fourth floor - 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

If you're looking for an additional opportunity or two to lace up your bowling shoes in Reno, we have you covered. With the return of The Forty Frame Game in 2026, you'll have two side events and team practice sessions all available inside of the National Bowling Stadium.

Let's start with The Forty Frame Game. Also known as the world's most unique singles bowling event, this tournament's fun and exciting format blends creative scoring – through no-tap frames, mulligans, bonus pins and other fun challenges – with prize-winning potential across 40 continuous frames. Add a couple of optional side events to your entry (like Scratch, 175 & Under, Gray Pay and Ladies Only) for more chances to win!

The entry fee for The Forty Frame Game is \$100 with 50% of the entry fee going directly to the prize fund. In addition to the main event, the prize fund includes Payday Frames, Bingo-Bango-Bongo and bonus side pots like Woof-Woof Strikes, Sweep It Clean, Big Whammy and Kingpin Cash.

The tournament features a handicap format based on 90% of 220, multiplied by four. The max scratch score at The Forty Frame Game is 1,305, but our scoring system ensures it'll take care of all the math for you as the strikes and bonus pins start to add up.

While the oil pattern will not be revealed until the end of the tournament in 2026, we can tell you this event will feature a modified house shot, so be prepared to throw some strikes at the Kingpin Club (located on the first floor of the NBS).

The singles tournament was introduced in 1989 and had regularly been held in the same host city as the USBC Open Championships from 1992 to 2021. The side event was acquired by USBC in 2023 and reintroduced on the national stage during the 2025 Women's Championships in Las Vegas.

The Forty Frame Game returns as a fun and competitive offering next to the Bowlers Journal Championships, which needs no introduction ... but we'll give it one anyway. The Bowlers Journal Championships will celebrate its 79th

edition in 2026 and offers you the chance to win big in The Biggest Little City.

The Bowlers Journal features singles and doubles competition across three games. There are several divisions available for each event based on age and ability. There are four divisions in singles (Open, Senior, Super Senior and 181 & Under Handicap*) and three in doubles (Open, Senior, Handicap*).

*181 & Under Handicap Singles and Handicap Doubles are based on a bowler's Championships Average.

The tournament also allows a competitor to enter both singles and doubles during the same three-game set, which places them into a bonus prize fund. Speaking of entry, bowlers are allowed to enter each event they are eligible for up to eight times.

The Bowlers Journal Championships will be contested on the low end of the fourth floor of the NBS, allowing players to experience the one-of-a-kind atmosphere provided by the Taj Mahal of Tenpins and also get a firsthand look at this year's pattern for doubles and singles at the Open Championships.

An entry for the Bowlers Journal Championships costs \$80 for singles and \$40 per bowler for doubles (\$80 total). Your first singles entry also helps you score a one-year subscription to Bowlers Journal International.

Looking for more ways to win? Sign up for the Jackpot Trio (\$20 entry fee) to put your name in the action for three yearlong jackpots – High Game, 30 Clean and Strike Jackpot.

The final item on the menu for your time at the Open Championships is a team practice session (squads featured on both the first and fourth floors – check the schedule for details).

Get your teammates together to finalize the game plan on this year's oil pattern for the team event. At \$100 for an hour, the more the merrier! Perfect for you and your companion crew, team practice sessions allow for up to 10 bowlers on the pair.

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THE TOP PERFORMERS FROM THE 2025 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

More than 58,000 bowlers made their way to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 2025 to compete in the 121st edition of the USBC Open Championships. Here's a look at the top five in each of the tournament's three average-based divisions.

REGULAR DIVISION

Team (combined averages of 876 and above)

1. Phat Kidz Crew, Pekin, Ill., 3,300
2. Strike It Rich Pro Shop 1, St. Charles, Mo., 3,270
3. Ferri Enterprises 1, Murrysville, Pa., 3,250
4. Premier Bowlers Pro Shop, Livonia, Mich., 3,243
5. Bowlers Headquarters, Neenah, Wis., 3,242

Doubles (combined averages of 351 and above)

1. Joseph Robillard, Farmington, Minn.,
and Robert Clements, Plymouth, Minn., 1,494
2. Nathan Samuels, Pompano Beach, Fla.,
and Scott Anderson, Cooper City, Fla., 1,483
3. Ronnie Sparks Jr., Redford, Mich.,
and Jay Lang, Sterling Heights, Mich., 1,468
4. Dave Dentlinger, Carroll, Iowa,
and Mark Porter, Lincoln, Neb., 1,439
5. Peter Fox, Tolland, Conn.,
and Zach Bienkowski, New Britain, Conn., 1,434

Singles (averages of 176 and above)

1. Marc McDowell, Black River Falls, Wis., 795
2. Richie Benninghoff, South Bend, Ind., 793
3. Brendan Tahsler, Parma, Ohio, 790
4. Christopher Karlin, Huntington, Ind., 789
5. Brockton Baker, Grand Junction, Colo., 788

All-Events (averages of 176 and above)

1. Andrew Anderson, Chesterfield Township, Mich., 2,184
2. Cassidy Schaub, Ashland, Ohio, 2,158
3. Derek Magno, Cicero, N.Y., 2,146
4. Jeffrey Campbell, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2,144
5. David Cole II, Deerfield, Ill., 2,142

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

1. Bowlers Headquarters, Neenah, Wis., 10,053
2. Mento Produce, Auburn, N.Y., 9,887
3. Phat Kidz Crew, Pekin, Ill., 9,879
4. Strike It Rich Pro Shop 1, St. Charles, Mo., 9,817
5. Team NABR, Fairport, N.Y., 9,784

STANDARD DIVISION

Team (combined averages of 776-875)

1. Leave Your Mark Pro Shop #3, Keller, Texas, 2,845
2. Luce Line/Garden Center Lanes 2, Alexandria, Minn., 2,830
3. DiLaura Brothers 6, Clinton Township, Mich., 2,812
4. Silver Creek Liquor Team 1, Fairmont, Minn., 2,762
5. No Game, Coweta, Okla., 2,761

Doubles (combined averages of 311-350)

1. Emily Cox, North Dinwiddie, Va.,
and Brandyn Cox, Chesterfield, Va., 1,290
2. John Richards and Johnathan Richards Jr.,
Chino Valley, Ariz., 1,272

- T3. Justin Dahlke, Eagan, Minn.,
and Nolan Hartl, Cannon Falls, Minn., 1,244
- T3. Ronald Rogers, Phenix City, Ala.,
and Chris McCullough, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,244
5. Nicholas Remer, West Allis, Wis.,
and Chris Schafer, Milwaukee, 1,227

Singles (averages of 156-175)

1. Kory Cockrum, Grand Junction, Colo., 746
2. Eric Batka, West Olive, Mich., 722
- T3. Jerred Kriesel, Jackson, Wis., 713
- T3. Brandon Rayome, Appleton, Wis., 713
- T3. Nathan McMullen, Davenport, Iowa, 713

All-Events (averages of 156-175)

1. Jeff Dent, Glade Hill, Va., 1,981
2. Matt Smock, Gretna, Neb., 1,943
3. Lane Peterson, Marion, Kan., 1,894
4. Robert Isaacson, Orland Park, Ill., 1,879
5. Nathan Schuette, Owatonna, Minn., 1,862

CLASSIFIED DIVISION

Team (combined averages of 775 and below)

1. Hansen Hardscapes, Alexandria, Minn., 2,422
2. Holly Lanes IV, Holly, Mich., 2,419
3. Fat Dad's 4, Alexandria, Minn., 2,407
4. Just Beat Chandra!, West Jordan, Utah, 2,403
5. Treasure Lanes 3, Livingston, Mont., 2,400

Doubles (combined averages of 310 and below)

1. Alaina Moore and Shane Moore,
Reno, Nev., 1,172
2. Hunter Severson and Daniel King,
Sidney, Mont., 1,106
3. Brian Crumpton, Tupelo, Miss.,
and Larry Robbins, Blue Springs, Miss., 1,074
4. Tyler Christmas, Merigold, Miss.,
and Anthony Sbravati, Greenville, Miss., 1,068
5. Brian Bowes and Christina Maurer,
Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,054

Singles (averages of 155 and below)

1. Kenneth Hurst, Dayton, Ohio, 645
2. Baine Farr, San Antonio, 638
3. Justin McManis, Lanark, Ill., 636
4. Cole Ingram, Pea Ridge, Ark., 627
5. Roger Simoneau, Beloit, Kan., 616

All-Events (averages of 155 and below)

1. Nolan Hartl, Cannon Falls, Minn., 1,764
2. Zac Brugler, Alexandria, Va., 1,723
3. Michael Wyrick, Colfax, Ill., 1,687
4. Jesse Smyle, Bowman, N.D., 1,645
5. Arjay Dizon, Vacaville, Calif., 1,638

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RECAPPING RED STICK

The USBC Open Championships returned to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for the third time in 2025, drawing more than 11,600 teams to compete in Red Stick.



The 2025 Open Championships featured more than 58,000 bowlers at the Raising Cane's River Center.

BY THE NUMBERS

The 121st edition of the Open Championships was contested inside the Raising Cane's River Center, which featured a custom installation to create a 54-lane tournament venue. The convention center previously hosted the Open Championships in 2005 and 2012 and served as the home of the 2017 USBC Women's Championships.

The 2025 event was contested across 150 consecutive days in Baton Rouge and welcomed more than 58,000 bowlers. The final team tally registered at 11,684, making 2025 the largest event since the tournament's last visit to Baton Rouge in 2012.

When the final ball was rolled on July 28, a total of 32 competitors claimed titles across three average-based divisions (Regular, Standard and Classified). Seven of those 32 also added another Eagle to their mantel.

MCDOWELL IS PERFECT IN SINGLES WIN

Marc McDowell of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, recorded his third win at the Open Championships in 2025, posting a 795 series in Regular Singles at the River Center.

The 62-year-old right-hander's path to the big number involved a couple of twists and turns, but he managed to close his 38th appearance with 16 strikes on the way to games of 299, 196 and 300.

A 4 pin stood on his final delivery of Game 1, but things quickly shifted for the five-time Professional Bowlers

Association Tour champion. Through eight frames of Game 2, he had just three strikes and two opens.

McDowell made a ball change on his fill for Game 2 and decided to stick with it for Game 3. The lead heading into competition that morning was 793 (Richie Benninghoff of South Bend, Indiana), leaving the margin for error at a minimum. He didn't need it, though.

The perfect finish allowed McDowell to become the first champion in Regular Singles to roll both a 299 and 300 during the same set, and he also became the first player in more than 40 years to win the title with a game south of 200 (1984 – Neal Young of Louisville, Kentucky).

He also joined his father, Larry McDowell, with a perfect performance at the Open Championships. Larry rolled his 300 in doubles during the 1997 event in Huntsville, Alabama.

The victory marked his second win in Baton Rouge, too. McDowell's first Eagle came during the 2005 event in Team All-Events alongside USBC Hall of Famers Jeff Richgels and Mike Shady, Gail Myers Jr. and Steve Richter. The same group recorded the win in Regular Team during the 2011 event in Reno, Nevada.

ANDERSON ADDS SECOND EAGLE IN ALL-EVENTS

Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan, had quite the year in 2025.

He started in January by making Team USA for the sixth time, and his exploits during the PBA Tour season were well



California's Shellie Camarata became the first "Josephine Bowler" at the Open Championships in 2025.

documented – a pair of titles to partner with a runner-up finish at the U.S. Open – during a resurgence for the 2018 PBA Player of the Year.

During his trip to Baton Rouge in June, Anderson put together the top performance across nine games at the River Center to claim his second victory at the Open Championships. The talented right-hander recorded sets of 763 in team, 754 in doubles and 667 in singles to win Regular All-Events with a 2,184 total.

Anderson's 763 series was the top individual number for 2025 on the demanding 39-foot team pattern, and he looked primed to run away with the win after closing doubles with 279. He had to navigate some opens through his first two games of singles but closed with an impressive 244 to take the lead, and eventually the title, by 26 pins.

The six-time PBA Tour champion won his first Eagle in 2021, recording the top score in Regular Singles with an 802 series. He's also rolled a pair of 300s at the event. Anderson connected for his first 300 in singles during the 2019 event and added the second during team competition in 2022.

HANSEN HARDCAPES HISTORIC IN LOUISIANA

For the second consecutive year at the Open Championships, the team to beat in the Classified Division has been Hansen Hardscapes of Alexandria, Minnesota.

At the 2024 event in Las Vegas, the group of Ashley Ohlrogge, Jessica Cook, Lauren Johnson, Christopher Cook and Eric Ohlrogge posted the winning total with a score of 2,607.

The team had a slightly different look in 2025 as Johnson was unable to attend. David Nelson stepped in as the fifth for Baton Rouge, helping the crew recreate that winning feeling.

They rolled games of 843, 743 and 836 to win Classified

Team with a 2,422 total at the River Center, becoming the first group to defend a team title in the division.

Eric Ohlrogge led the way with a 565 series and was followed by Jessica Cook (496), Ashley Ohlrogge (494), Christopher Cook (452) and Nelson (415).

Along with the return trip to the winner's circle, Ashley Ohlrogge and Jessica Cook also became the first female competitors to win two titles at the Open Championships.

VALIDATING WIN IN TEAM ALL-EVENTS

The quintet of James Tucker III, William Welch, Joseph Vrobel, Chad Kloss and 2019 Regular Singles champion Mitch Beasley delivered a dominating performance and avenged several close calls from the past to collect the Team All-Events title in 2025.

The group – known as Bowlers Headquarters – recorded the largest margin of victory in Baton Rouge, rolling to the win by 166 pins. They posted the only score with five digits at the River Center, finishing with a 10,053 combined score.

Four of the five teammates – Tucker, Welch, Kloss and Beasley – united at the tournament for the first time in 2019, netting instant results. Beasley posted 812 to win singles while the group finished fifth in Team All-Events.

Vrobel joined the action in 2021, helping Bowlers Headquarters to a runner-up finish in Regular Team and fourth in Team All-Events.

Top 10s were a common theme for the talented group, but an elusive team victory continued to fall just outside of their collective grasp until their performance in Louisiana.

In team, they finished with 3,242 to finish fifth in the Regular Division. They continued strong in doubles the following day with 3,440. The scoring pace slowed at the start of singles, but the team rallied in the final game – firing

1,252 – to finish with 3,371.

Tucker led the run with an all-events total of 2,092 and was followed by Welch (2,057), Kloss (1,987), Beasley (1,971) and Vrobel (1,946).

ILLINOIS CREW CLAIMS REGULAR TEAM CROWN

The members of Phat Kidz Crew of Pekin, Illinois, each earned their first Eagle by recording the victory in Regular Team at the 2025 event with a 3,300 total.

The team – featuring Travis Anderson, Andrew Stone, Anthony Recsnik, Thomas Barnwell and Steven Taylor – had the longest tenure at the top of the leaderboard in the Regular Division, taking the lead on April 13 after posting games of 1,118, 1,140 and 1,042 in Baton Rouge.

The strong start certainly was significant for the team representing Central Illinois. The 1,118 was the highest opening game in 2025, and their 1,140 registered in the top 15 overall for the year.

Their pace slowed down in Game 3, but the team battled together until the end on the strength of four strikes in the ninth and a clean 10th frame.

Barnwell led Phat Kidz Crew with 715 and was followed by Stone (705), Taylor (656), Recsnik (632) and Anderson (592).

The group also finished the year in third place for Team All-Events with a 9,879 total.

This homegrown team – which added Recsnik to the lineup in 2025 – had put together several strong performances

leading up to their breakout win. They finished sixth in Team All-Events in 2018, 11th in Team All-Events in 2023 and 11th in Regular Team in 2024.

ROBILLARD, CLEMENTS VICTORIOUS IN DOUBLES

Joseph Robillard and Robert Clements built on the legacy of The Lakers in 2025, bringing home the win in Regular Doubles with a 1,494 total at the River Center.

Robillard, of Farmington, Minnesota, had games of 245, 226 and 279 for a 750 series while Clements, of Plymouth, Minnesota, nearly matched the effort with 268, 244 and 232 for 744.

Taking the lead – and eventually the title – featured some final-frame excitement for the pair. Clements started his 10th frame by leaving a 7 pin and covering the spare, putting Robillard in a must-strike situation to pass the 1,483 posted by Florida's Scott Anderson and Nathan Samuels.

Robillard connected for the first strike and added a second for good measure, helping push them to the top spot by 11 pins.

In addition to the excitement in doubles, Robillard nearly joined Clements with a 300 at the Open Championships in his final game of singles, rolling 299. Clements' 300 took place during singles at the 2018 event in Syracuse, New York.

The two-team group representing The Lakers during the 2025 event started with five Eagle winners and closed the event with seven. Robillard and Clements now join USBC Hall of Famers Sam Lantto and Todd Savoy, John Eiss, Gary



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Green and Chuck Vashaw in the winner's circle at the Open Championships.

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

One of the most exciting parts of the Open Championships is knowing a winning score can be rolled at any time. Day 1, Day 150 or any spot between can yield a performance worthy of the record book.

The longest wait (took the lead March 13 – Day 13) and quickest turnaround (rolled July 20 – Day 142) belonged in the Standard Division during the 2025 event.

Jeff Dent of Glade Hill, Virginia, posted the number to beat in Standard All-Events within the first two weeks in Baton Rouge, putting together scores of 695 in team, 655 in singles and 631 in doubles for a 1,981 score.

Dent, making his 21st tournament appearance, bested his previous top score in all-events by more than 140 pins (1,838 in 2016) to record the win.

Kory Cockrum of Grand Junction, Colorado, only had to wait eight days to see his score stand in Standard Singles.

He rolled games of 278, 244 and 224 at the River Center to collect the win with a 746 series.

BIG WINS IN BATON ROUGE

The big number in Standard Team belonged to a Colorado-based group at the 2025 Open Championships.

The members of Leave Your Mark Pro Shop #3 – Joshua Dundas, Michelle Schafer, Amanda Nowasell, Russ Schafer and Steven McCracken – combined for games of 963, 991 and 891 in Baton Rouge to take home the victory with a 2,845 total.

McCracken – who also rolled a 299 during doubles in 2025 – led the way with a 698 series. Russ Schafer added 614 and was followed by Nowasell (570), Dundas (550) and Michelle Schafer (413).

A brother-and-sister team captured the victory in Standard Doubles as Brandyn and Emily Cox worked together for a 1,290 total at the River Center.

Brandyn, of Chesterfield, Virginia, was perfect in Game 3 of the performance, rolling games of 269, 203 and 300 for a 772 series. Emily, of North Dinwiddie, Virginia, added scores of 189, 159 and 170 for 518.

The family trend continued in Classified Doubles with the father-and-daughter pairing of Shane and Alaina Moore taking the top spot with 1,172.

Representing Reno, Nevada, Shane used games of 223, 264 and 201 to pace the way with a 688 set. Alaina finished strong to put an exclamation point on the performance with games of 145, 133 and 206 for a 484 series.

Kenneth Hurst of Dayton, Ohio, was clutch down the stretch on his way to victory in Classified Singles at the 2025 Open Championships.

After starting his set with 235 and 178, Hurst delivered four consecutive strikes – starting in the seventh frame to the first shot of the 10th – at the end of Game 3 to close with 232 for a 645 series. He claimed the win by seven pins.

Nolan Hartl of Cannon Falls, Minnesota, posted the highest individual series in the Classified Division – 707 during his doubles set – to cruise to the victory in Classified All-Events with a 1,764 total.

The 707 series – featuring games of 191, 275 and 241 – was the only series north of 650 in Classified competition



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during the 2025 event, and he added 574 in singles and 483 in team to finish the tournament at the top of the leaderboard.

The big doubles set also allowed Hartl and Justin Dahlke of Eagan, Minnesota, to tie for third place in the Standard Division with 1,244.

PARTICIPATION MILESTONES

In addition to the big scores in Baton Rouge, the 2025 Open Championships featured its fair share of participation highlights.

A total of 30 bowlers made their 50th appearance in 2025. The first two presentations took place during the same squad as brothers Randy and David Gulley joined the 50-Year Club together at the River Center. They became the first brothers to reach 50 years during the same tournament.

The final 50-year presentation in 2025 also had a cool tie to family. Randy Wiemer of Columbia, Missouri, joined his brother (Steve Wiemer) and father (Roger Wiemer) with 50 years at the Open Championships. Steve made his 52nd appearance in 2025 while Roger logged 51 appearances from 1949-2010.

USBC Hall of Famer Jamie Brooks of Fairview, Texas, made his 65th tournament appearance, becoming the 17th bowler to

reach the number. Brooks – a 1973 Regular Doubles champion – also is a member of the tournament's 100,000-Pin Club and raised his pinfall total to 106,203 through 65 years.

Clinton Zavakos of Henderson, Nevada, celebrated his 70th consecutive appearance in 2025 to become just the fifth competitor to reach the participation mark. We have more on Zavakos' amazing career at the Open Championships on Page 28.

HONOR SCORES

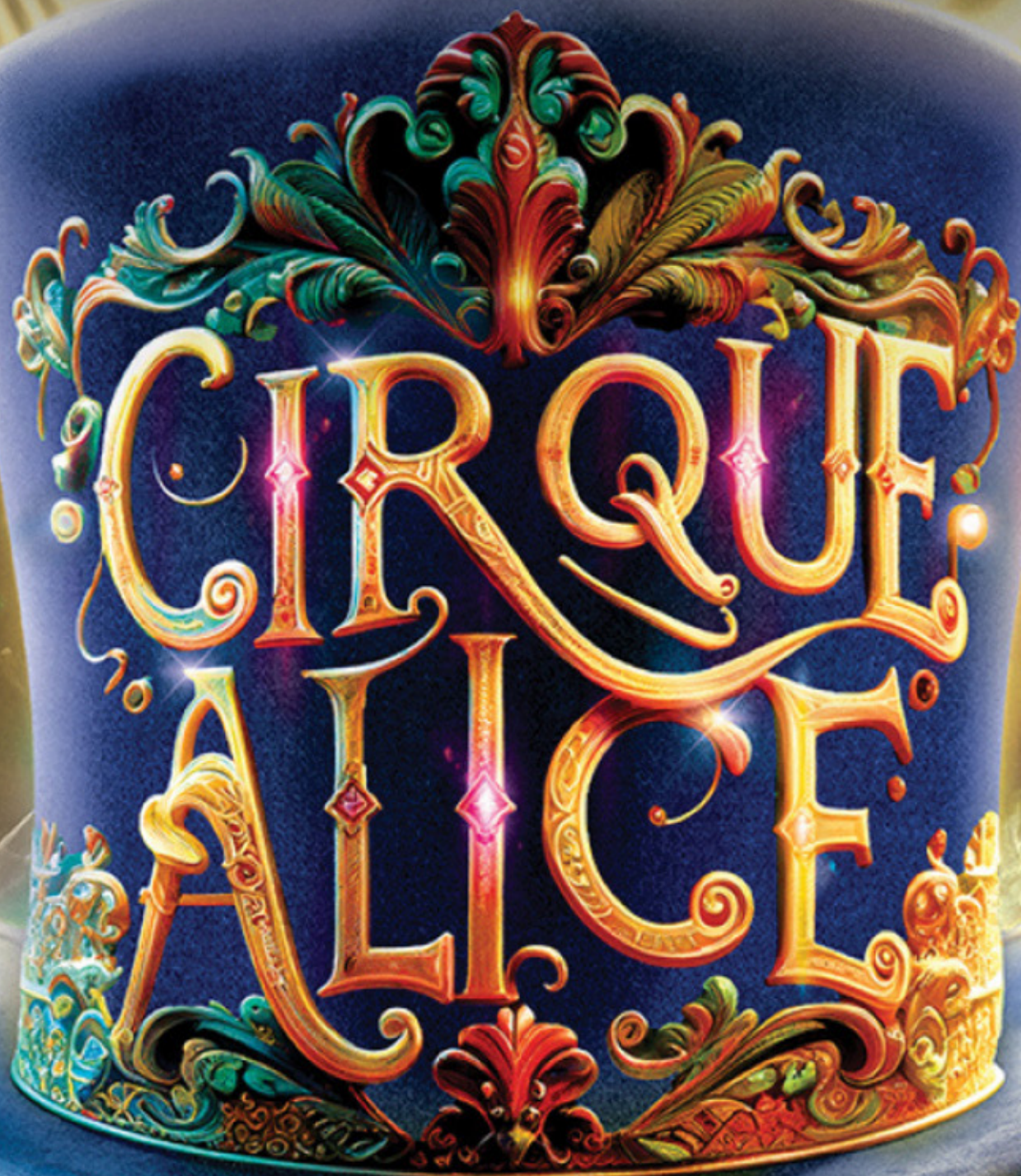
The 2025 Open Championships featured 18 perfect games and five 800s – all taking place on the doubles and singles oil pattern.

For 300s, the mix was six in doubles and 12 in singles. All five 800s occurred in doubles.

Two-time Eagle winner Jeffrey Mersch of Orlando, Florida, posted the highest individual series in 2025, recording games of 289, 258 and 279 for an 826 series. Team USA's AJ Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin, wasn't far behind with 823.

Jeremy Adler of Columbus, Indiana, connected for 813 while Gregory Thompson Jr. of Gilbert, Arizona, had a 300 during his set to finish with 810. Dave Dentlinger of Carroll, Iowa, finished with exactly 800 to register his honor score in Baton Rouge.

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LOOKING AHEAD

The upcoming schedule for the USBC Open Championships includes stops in Las Vegas and Greenville, South Carolina, for 2027 and 2028.

Even though you may be reading this page from inside the National Bowling Stadium or at one of the hosting resort casinos in downtown Reno, it's never too early to start thinking ahead for your next trip to the Open Championships.

The tournament will return to the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas for the 2027 event, marking the sixth trip to the 60-lane venue inside the incredible South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa.

Bowlers have noted all the great amenities offered at South Point across those previous visits, whether it's the variety of dining options (11 restaurants on-site, including the Silverado Steakhouse, Don Vito's, Baja Miguel's and Zenshin), entertainment opportunities (live acts at The Showroom and a 16-screen movie theater) or choices in gaming (more than 2,100 slot and video poker machines, 60 table games, sportsbook and bingo hall).

In addition, the best deal in town can be found at the world-famous hot dog cart inside the South Point Bowling Plaza.

The Bowling Plaza was crafted with the tournament competitor in mind, featuring stadium-style seating for friends and family along with a spacious settee and squad room. In 2025, new lane panels were installed across the entire venue just ahead of the USBC Women's Championships.

Need to get a couple games in? South Point has you covered for that as well. The facility also includes a 64-lane traditional center, which has hosted the Bowlers Journal Championships and team practice sessions during past trips.

Want the full rundown on South Point? Swing by SouthPointCasino.com.

It's easy to see why bowlers have enjoyed their time at South Point, but Las Vegas is known as the Entertainment Capital of the World for quite a few reasons, so be sure to put them on your list, too.

We're sure bowling jerseys will be seen from the Strip to Fremont Street as well as from the Sphere to the Hoover Dam, but the cuisine, shows, experiences and entertainment can be found all across town.

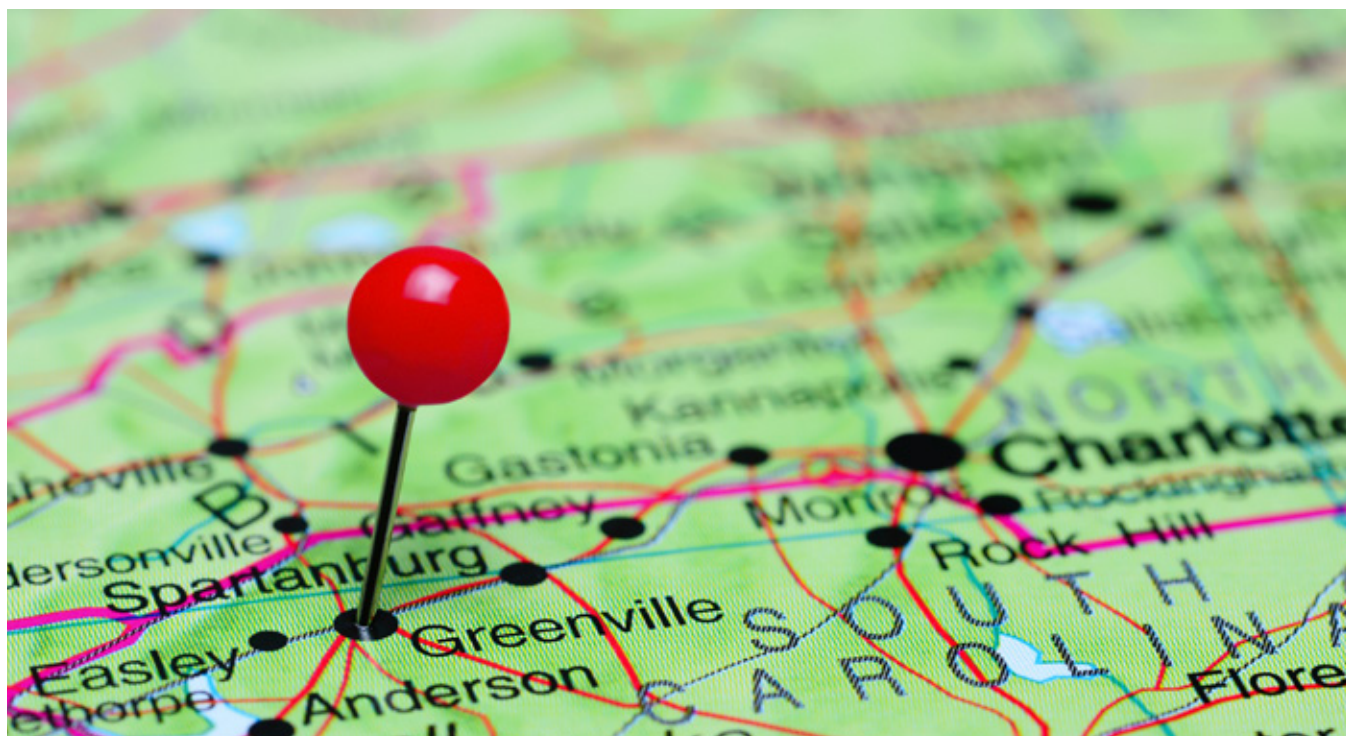
For those who have their Vegas itinerary locked down ... Viva Las Vegas! If you're trying to shake things up a bit with something new or making your first trip to town, be sure to check out VisitLasVegas.com for the latest and greatest.

In 2028, we'll all be enjoying a new experience together as the Open Championships makes its way to Greenville, South Carolina, for the first time. In fact, it will be the tournament's first stop in the Palmetto State.

The championship atmosphere will be contained inside the Greenville Convention Center, which will be transformed into a state-of-the-art tournament venue prior to the start of the 2028 event.

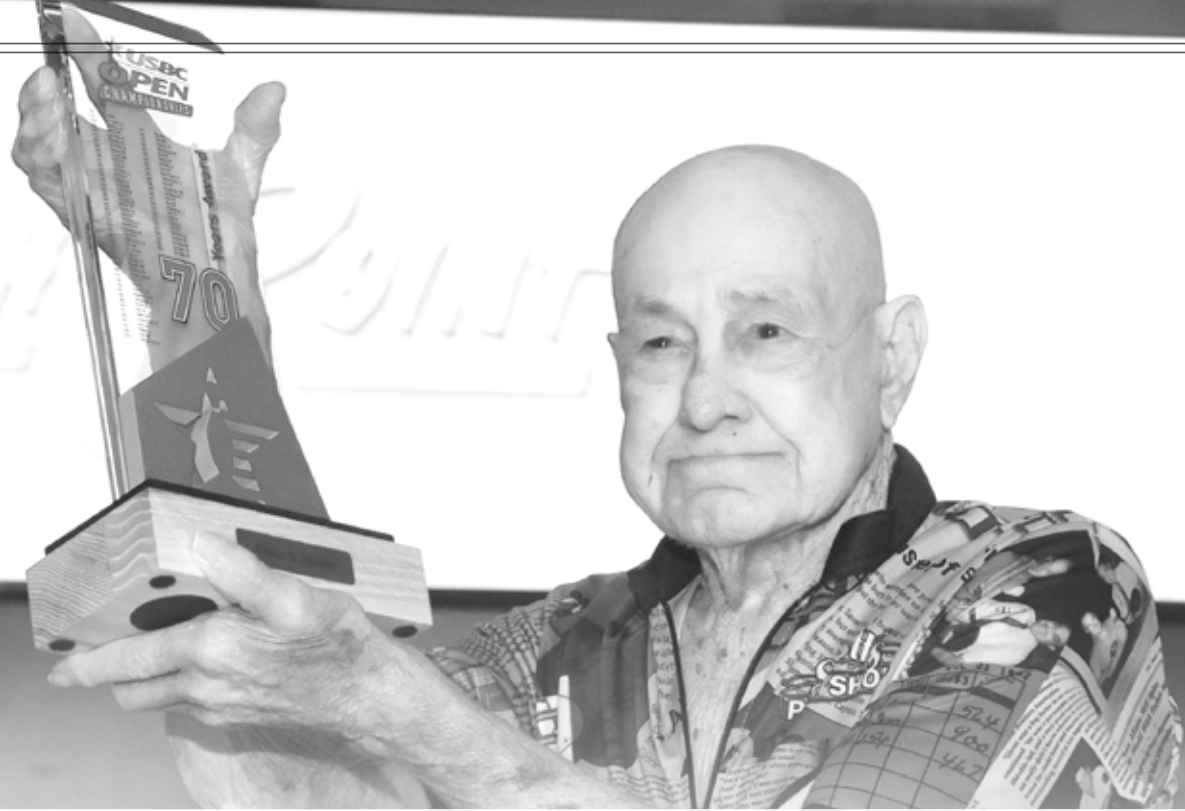
Our friends from Visit Greenville SC have already put together an awesome Greenville Bucket List to highlight some of the best things to do during your trip, which covers a trek through downtown's Main Street, checking out Reedy River Falls from the Liberty Bridge, fast laps at the BMW Performance Center and getting familiar with South Carolina's four barbeque sauces.

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Remembering Glenn Allison

The sport of bowling lost one of its greatest figures on Oct. 7, 2025, as USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Glenn Allison of Corona, California, died at the age of 95.

While his on-lane accolades crossed the entire spectrum of the sport – from his success on the PBA Tour (five national titles and one PBA50 win) to being known to many as “Mr. 900” for rolling three consecutive 300 games in 1982 – Allison’s storied career at the USBC Open Championships showcased an unparalleled combination of skill, determination and longevity.

He started his journey at the Open Championships during the 1947 event in Los Angeles, and the talented right-hander made his annual appearance to compete at each edition of the event from 1954 to 2024, helping him secure the tournament’s participation record with 72 years on the championship lanes.

Allison’s appearance in 2024 helped to break a tie at the top of the participation list, which he shared with Bill Doehrman, Joe Norris and Sylvester Thiel.

He earned four titles at the Open Championships, posting wins in 1962, 1964, 1966 and 1970.

Allison rolled to victory in Classic Doubles alongside USBC Hall of Famer Dick Hoover in 1962, firing a 780 series (with games of 290, 245 and 245) to record the win with a 1,431 total. His 780 also served as his top set at the Open Championships.

He followed with a pair of titles in Classic Team, helping Falstaff Beer (1964) and Ace Mitchell Shur-Hooks (1966) claim the top spot.

His final win took place in 1970 after rolling games of 258, 258 and 214 for a 730 series in Classic Singles.

He became the ninth competitor to join the 100,000-Pin Club during his 55th appearance in 2006 and finished his career in third place on the tournament’s all-time list for pinfall. In 72 years at the Open Championships, Allison toppled 123,341 pins for an overall average of 190.

Allison shared a special bond with the two competitors ahead of him on the pinfall list – USBC Hall of Famers Bill Lillard Sr. (124,087 pins) and Joe Norris (123,770 pins). Although he strived to take over the top spot, his admiration for both was well-known.

“Bill Lillard and Joe Norris were two of the best gentlemen I have ever met, and we became great friends,” said Allison during his 70th appearance in 2022. “I think of them often, and I know they would be very happy for me

for today’s accomplishments.”

While a list of his accomplishments would cover every mile traveled to attend the Open Championships over 72 appearances, Allison’s role as an ambassador to bowling – both on and off the lanes – is something that will be revered as the stories of his legendary career continue to live on.





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CELEBRATING MILESTONES IN THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY

Several bowlers are scheduled for major milestones at the 2026 USBC Open Championships. From 60 years (and more) to 100,000 pins, there will be plenty to celebrate in Reno.

There's something special in the air when a major milestone hits the calendar at the Open Championships. When someone becomes one of just a few to accomplish a particular achievement, you can feel the awe and admiration fill the room (or the lanes) for an unmatched dedication to the sport and event.

In 2026, five bowlers will look to add to their tournament legacy by reaching another major mark. Fred Gordon of Cumberland Foreside, Maine, and Charles Tredway of Chester, New Jersey, are scheduled to make their 60th appearances this year in Reno. The 60-Year Club has 36 members heading into the 2026 event.

Two competitors are looking to secure their crystal pin at the National Bowling Stadium as Dale Diamond of Chatham, Illinois, and USBC Hall of Famer Gary Bower of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, have their sights set on 100,000 pins. A total of 31 athletes earned their spot in the 100,000-Pin Club at the Open Championships through 2025.

Clinton Zavakos of Henderson, Nevada, already has punched his ticket to both clubs, and he's one of just five bowlers in tournament history to reach 70 years on the championship lanes. He's looking to move up another spot on the all-time participation list with his 71st appearance in 2026.

Gordon made his tournament debut at the 1965 Open Championships in St. Paul, Minnesota, and he's made his annual trek to the tournament each year since 1968.

His top performance took place during the 1972 event in Long Beach, California, posting an overall tally of 1,944 to finish in sixth for Regular All-Events, and through his first 59 appearances, Gordon has knocked down 90,450 pins for an average of 178.4 at the tournament.

Gordon has kept the tradition of the Barnstormers team going throughout the years, which he joined alongside USBC Hall of Famer Max Skelton, and his wife, Shirley, also holds an important spot in tournament history. She's one of just three female bowlers to compete each year at the Open Championships since 1994 when the American Bowling Congress changed its rules to allow female competitors at the event. Shirley will make her 32nd consecutive appearance in 2026.

Tredway will celebrate 60 consecutive appearances with his march down Center Aisle at the NBS in 2026. He'll become just the 10th bowler to reach the milestone in consecutive trips as well.

He laced up his bowling shoes for the first time at the tournament during the 1966 event in Rochester, New York, and his top all-events score came in 1990, rolling to 1,815 in Reno.

Tredway enters his 60th appearance with a pinfall of 91,409 for an average of 178.1.

Diamond joined the 60-Year Club in 2024, and he'll be looking to secure his crystal pin quickly during his 62nd appearance in 2026. Through 61 years, Diamond has toppled 99,853 pins (181.8 average) and will need 147 more to earn his spot in the 100,000-Pin Club.

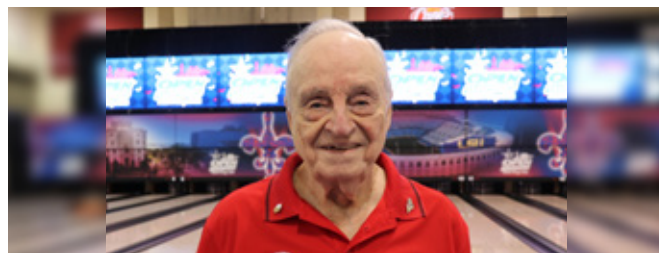
His road to 100,000 started at the 1962 event in Des Moines, Iowa, and he has competed at the Open Championships each year since 1967.

Diamond had a run at perfection during the 1989 event in Wichita, Kansas, finishing with a 298 game in doubles, and he posted his top series (738 in singles) and all-events total (1,906) during the 1993 tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In 2022, Diamond and his teammates made a run at the win in Standard Team competition, placing third in Las Vegas



Clinton Zavakos



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at the South Point Bowling Plaza with a 3,079 total.

Bower enters the 2026 event with a total pinfall of 98,347 (193.9 average) through his first 57 appearances and will need 1,653 pins to reach 100,000. He'll also look to join longtime teammate and fellow USBC Hall of Famer Marvin "Bud" Stoudt in the 100,000-Pin Club.

He's a two-time Eagle winner at the Open Championships, recording victories in Team All-Events during the 1970 and 1978 events. Bower posted his top all-events score during the win in 1978 as well, finishing with 1,973 to also place second in Regular All-Events.

His journey at the tournament began in 1966 (Rochester, New York), and he also has a 298 game to his credit from the team event in 1996.

Bower earned induction to the USBC Hall of Fame in 2001 for Superior Performance.

Zavakos celebrated his 70th consecutive appearance at the

Open Championships in 2025, placing his name alongside USBC Hall of Famers Glenn Allison (72 appearances), Bill Doehrman (71) and Joe Norris (71), and Sylvester Thiel (71).

He and Doehrman are the only ones to reach the milestone in consecutive appearances.

Zavakos competed in his first Open Championships in 1955 at the age of 18 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and has traveled to 37 cities and 22 states for the event. He made his 50th appearance in 2004 and celebrated 60 years in 2014.

In 2015, he surpassed 100,000 pins and now sits at 107,064 through his first 70 trips (179.3 average). His top set took place in singles in 1989 (701 series), and he posted 1,846 for all-events in 1992 (Corpus Christi, Texas).

His father – Tom Zavakos – also earned a spot in the tournament's record book as an event champion. He was part of the 1932 Regular Team champion in Detroit.



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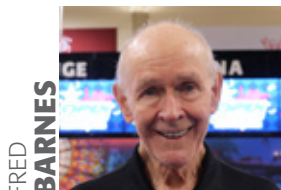
REACHING 50 YEARS

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Everyone has a reason for making the annual journey to the USBC Open Championships. Some are searching for championship glory 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 121 years of competition at the Open Championships, 385 bowlers have joined the elite 50-Year Club.

The following bowlers are scheduled to reach the milestone this year at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada:



FRED
BARNES

HOMETOWN: Houston

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 83,526

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 189.4

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: During the Huntsville tournament in 1997, David Rountree and I finished in the top 10 (fourth in Regular Doubles with 1,437) and I shot 760 in doubles. My highest all-events series was 2,011 in Albuquerque in 2000, and I also have a 30-Clean Award.



JUDD
BELL

HOMETOWN: Stamford, Conn.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 76,021

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 172.7

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: In 2009, I was able to bowl in the tournament with my daughter for the first time in Vegas.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Mobile, Alabama. There was a long freight train that came through the city, and you had to make sure you were on the right side of the tracks before the train came through or you might miss your squad. Huntsville, Alabama, was a good one, too. One of our guys won a car wash package at the minor league baseball game. We couldn't use it, so we gave it to the guy next to us. You would've thought we had given him a million bucks.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: It means I get to retire from bowling.



DAVID
BERNHARDT

HOMETOWN: Macomb, Mich.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 85,668

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 194.2

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1992. I won doubles with my good friend Gene Stus. As we finished, Joe Norris – who watched us bowl – was the first one to congratulate us. That was very special.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: In Corpus Christi, Texas, we won doubles. In Jacksonville, Florida (1988), I bowled 300. Bowling with my son, Dave Jr., for his first USBC (2004 in Reno, Nevada).

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: Bowling with my son and friends over a long period of time.



TERRY
CLAYTON

HOMETOWN: Lafayette, Ind.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

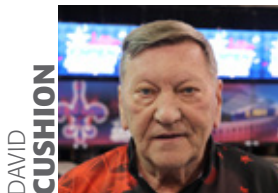
PINFALL TOTAL: 88,281

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 200.1

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: The 2002 Open Championships because we won the team event.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the weather and sights.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: A second career of hard work and effort that started with my family teaching me to bowl. I've had very supportive friends and teammates. Most important is a supportive wife and family.



DAVID
CUSHION

HOMETOWN: DeWitt, Mich.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 83,563

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 190.7

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: During the trips to Tulsa, Oklahoma, I had some good scores.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Reno and Las Vegas for bowling and gambling. Baltimore for the Harbor.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: A long time of durability and the chance to tour the country.



GREGORY
CZACHUR

HOMETOWN: Mentor, Ohio

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1975 – Dayton, Ohio

PINFALL TOTAL: 82,377

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 186.7

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: My 300 game at the 2003 tournament. I also was on the cover of the BOWL.com publication. Unfortunately, the copy I had was lost.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Reno, Nevada, because of the surrounding areas (Lake Tahoe and Virginia City) and the three linked hotels.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: I'm so happy to achieve this. It's the proverbial "icing on the cake." I only missed in 2023 because of a triple bypass and carotid arteries (both) surgeries. I feel blessed to have participated all these years with all my fellow bowling family. While my bowling skills, luck or whatever has slipped away, I will always be thankful for the many friends I have met and still have because of having been a bowler.





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FRANK
DELARME



HOMETOWN: Grampian, Pa.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1968 - Cincinnati

PINFALL TOTAL: 73,117

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 168

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1970 – it's where I took my wife for our honeymoon.

FAVORITE HOST 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.

PATRICK
DONOHUE



HOMETOWN: Raymond, N.H.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1973 – Syracuse, N.Y.

PINFALL TOTAL: 73,184

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 168.2

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: Being able to travel to all the tournament cities with friends. The excitement of bowling in my first tournament in Syracuse, New York, and my first time bowling at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: There are so many cities that I could pick. From my first trip to Reno in 1977, where I scored my best in all-events, to Toledo, Ohio, in 1991, where our teams had an article written about our experience by the Blade Runner for the Toledo Blade, and the friendly people in Billings, Montana, in 2002, all were special memories.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

As I look back, I realize how fortunate I have been to reach this milestone. I've seen the game evolve from wood lanes to synthetic, from rubber balls to reactive resin, etc., from manual to automatic scoring, and especially great memories of traveling with friends, meeting new acquaintances and seeing the country.

WILLIAM
EVERETT



HOMETOWN: Havre de Grace, Md.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1973 – Syracuse, N.Y.

PINFALL TOTAL: 78,224

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 177.3

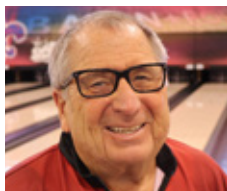
FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: Visiting the Great Salt Lake in Salt Lake City (1996). Parking by the front door of the center in Billings, Montana (2002) – that was a first. Seeing the Alamo during my trip to Corpus Christi, Texas (2006). Seeing the Grand Canyon during my trip to Las Vegas in 2022. Visiting San Francisco and Muir Woods during my trip to Reno in 2016.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Baltimore in 1982 – home city.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

I'm just happy I have remained healthy enough to compete for 50 years.

BRIAN
FISCHER



HOMETOWN: Westchester, Ill.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 85,657

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 194.2

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: In Baltimore, I finished in third place in singles, but that trip didn't start out too well. In team, I shot only 541 and was pretty upset with myself. But as any good bowler knows, it's always the ball's fault. So, I switched to a new ball and bowled 654 in doubles and 731 in singles. When I left, I was tied for second and just one pin out of first. It was such an exhilarating feeling to see my name on the leaderboard. Incidentally, that bad ball never made it home with me – it's at the bottom of the Patapsco River.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Bowling in Las Vegas is always fun because of the city, but I think Reno has to be my favorite because of the National Bowling Stadium. Every time I get to bowl at the Stadium, it feels like a real honor.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

This milestone is very important to me. Bowling has been a significant part of my life. For me, it's more than just competition or winning. These 50 years represent all the places I have been to and all the people I have become friends with through the sport. When I look back across those five decades, I realize I have done so many amazing things and met so many incredible people all because of bowling.

LARRY
FRANZ



HOMETOWN: Redford, Mich.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1975 – Dayton, Ohio

PINFALL TOTAL: 86,639

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 196.4

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: In 1993, I had my highest score (2,028). It's just been a lot of fun bowling with the guys and getting out – 50 years is a long time.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: I think Las Vegas is the most fun. Everybody wants to go to Vegas.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It's a big accomplishment to get 50 years. It's not an easy tournament to bowl in. It's just great fun, and I enjoy doing it. Hopefully, I can bowl a lot more than 50.

CLYDE
FRAVEL



HOMETOWN: Tomball, Texas

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 82,091

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 188.7

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: At the 1993 Open Championships, I rolled a 300 game in singles. It's the greatest day in my bowling life.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Las Vegas. My wife loves it.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It has been my goal for many years.



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JOSEPH
GEMMATO



HOMETOWN: Portage, Ind.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 77,471

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 175.6

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: Being part of the first to bowl in the National Bowling Stadium, because, to me, it was the beginning of bowling officially being recognized as a sport.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Currently, it's Las Vegas because of the South Point Hotel and convention center. Everything there is wonderful.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Reaching 50 consecutive years means a lot to me. I don't think people realize how difficult it can be at times to make sure you are available to bowl every year, whether it's injuries or work or even family issues. Some years, it can be very difficult to make it.

RUSTY
GRONER



HOMETOWN: Elyria, Ohio

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 79,748

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 180.8

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: Bowling the first 20-some tournaments, I was able to bowl with my dad, Norm. He was the one who got me bowling in the beginning. I would go down to the lanes and watch him when I was a little kid.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: El Paso, Texas, in 2015. It was the best we ate at the tournament. On the first night, we went to Cattleman's Steakhouse (best steak ever). Second, we ate at a BBQ restaurant with great pulled pork, ribs, brisket and sausage. On the third night, we had Mexican food, and everything on the menu was great – and no one could handle their hot sauce.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: Bowling 50 years in the tournament is quite an achievement. It also shows my passion for the sport of bowling – traveling year after year to each tournament.

ROGER
HAILEY



HOMETOWN: Tonto Basin, Ariz.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

PINFALL TOTAL: 79,376

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 179.9

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: With 49 tournaments behind me, it's impossible to pick a favorite memory since there's been so many of them. We've lost a couple members along the way, and we have a toast to them each year. We have a great time every year, and the beer is good no matter the city!

FAVORITE HOST CITY: It's hard to pick a favorite city, but Baton Rouge and all the southern states have had such great food and hospitality.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Reaching 50 years is really something you don't think about until you start getting close ... then you think gee, maybe I should start taking better care of myself. I would like to thank the USBC and all their employees. Truly one of the greatest sporting organizations in the world. Thanks to Detroit Hall of Famer Eddie Mintz for being my partner all these years and putting up with my scores.

LINUS
HARTINGS



HOMETOWN: Coldwater, Ohio

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 77,873

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 177.7

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: Meeting Allie Brandt in 1975 (Dayton, Ohio). He was a bowling legend. Bowling 1,875 in Billings, Montana, in 2002 – it was my best score. Being present when my son rolled a 300.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Reno! Being from a small town myself, I love the small town feeling that Reno gives.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It means everything to me. I love the game of bowling. Ever since my first tournament, I wanted to bowl as many as possible. USBC runs the best tournaments anyone can bowl in. I am looking forward to bowling my 50th Open.

DANNY
HIGH



HOMETOWN: Wichita, Kan.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 76,598

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 176

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: My first tournament in Oklahoma City. I was so nervous as a 23-year-old with very limited tournament experience. It was a thrill to walk out of the back and down the middle with people clapping and cheering. It took until the middle of the first game to get the butterflies out. In 1979, I shot over 600 and 1,800 for the first time.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Niagara Falls sticks out. Being from Kansas for most of my life, I had no reason to travel to upper New York, so everything was new. We flew into Toronto and explored, which was my first time in Canada. We drove to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, where I was able to experience lake-effect snow for the first time. We walked into a restaurant in downtown Niagara Falls without a drop of snow on the ground. We came outside an hour later to see over six inches of snow on our rental. We explored Syracuse and Rochester and topped it off with a tour of the Finger Lakes and Baseball Hall of Fame.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

I want to thank the almost 100 different bowlers that have traveled to the 50 tournaments in 22 different cities over the years. My initial goal was to get a 25-year plaque and stop, but some of my teammates needed a few more years to get their plaques. We bowled a few more so they could reach their milestones. I now travel with six guys who have between 25 and 40 years of participation, all good friends.

BENNY
HORTON III



HOMETOWN: Pampa, Texas

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 79,281

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 179.7

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: I got to bowl with my father for several years while he was active. Now, I bowl with my son and occasionally my daughter, who subs on occasion.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Las Vegas. It's easy to get to and has a great selection of accommodations and things to do.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

I've had many teammates over the years who have come and gone. I feel fortunate at 82 to have good health and average about 185. My first tournament was in Oklahoma City in 1976, and I decided to try and make 50 consecutive tournaments. It looks like it will happen.

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LESLIE
HUIKKO



HOMETOWN: Buffalo, Minn.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1975 – Dayton, Ohio

PINFALL TOTAL: 71,633

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 165.8

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: In one of my early years, we had five different countries bowling on our team shift, so they played five national anthems. We had a team from Puerto Rico on our pair.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Syracuse, New York. We had a team that took second place. We traveled from Buffalo, Minnesota, by bus to the Minneapolis airport to Chicago, then by train to Syracuse. Then, we came back home by train to Chicago to bowl the Petersen Classic before flying back to Minneapolis and taking the bus back to Buffalo, Minnesota. My mother cooked for everyone both ways.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

That my health was good enough to let me bowl all these tournaments. I've bowled with a lot of bowlers that didn't make it as far as they would have liked to.

CHARLIE
LACY



HOMETOWN: Bolivar, Mo.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 87,707

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 197.5

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: During the 2004 tournament in Reno, Gary Dahn and I finished 13th in doubles. I was 80th in all-events, and our group had three doubles teams in the top 100.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: My favorite city was Reno in 1995 – the first year we bowled in the National Bowling Stadium. I've enjoyed every tournament held in Reno.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Until bowling the 1976 event in Oklahoma City, I was just a good league bowler. Being on the local board in Midland, Texas, I was asked to enter a team. Who knew it would last for 50 years? Over the 50 years, I've lost a couple of jobs because I love the sport of bowling and competitiveness so much. Also, two of my sons get to participate with me in this honor.

HARRY
LASH



HOMETOWN: Jackson, Mich.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1975 – Dayton, Ohio

PINFALL TOTAL: 75,578

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 171.3

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: I bowled for a number of years and was captain of a team, but due to death and illness, I was without a team to bowl nationals. I got online and hooked up with this great group of guys from Texas and New Mexico in Reno. They made me sign a contract on a napkin to bowl as long as they needed me.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Tampa, Florida. I stayed at Disney World with my wife and kids when they were small and just drove over and bowled. We had a great time. Also, in Niagara Falls, we stayed on the Canadian side.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

When starting on this journey, it was the goal of the team to make it to 50 years. I guess I am doing it for them. They have all passed to the great lanes in the sky.

MARC
LINEBERRY



HOMETOWN: Camanche, Iowa

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1975 – Dayton, Ohio

PINFALL TOTAL: 85,592

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 194

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: Bowling my first 300 at the 1993 Open Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also shooting 792 during singles in 1989 (Wichita, Kansas).

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Baltimore. I finished third in doubles in 1982 and went to Camden Yards to see Cal Ripken Jr. play during one of the first games of his Ironman streak of consecutive games.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

The most important part of this whole journey has been all the fun and unforgettable memories made with so many great friends in so many great cities over the years, from the ones I bowled with in my early years that are no longer with us to the same group of 10 guys I've bowled with for many years now.

PETE
MCCORDIC



HOMETOWN: Katy, Texas

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1973 – Syracuse, N.Y.

PINFALL TOTAL: 93,387

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 205.2

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: My first one in 1973 (Syracuse). My brother (Paul) and I were asked to bowl on a team with Bill Lillard, Don Ellis and Jim Paine. My brother and I finished second in doubles, and the team finished second in Team All-Events. My second is bowling on the lane next to Bill Lillard when he took the lead in total pinfall at the Open Championships (2015). My third is bowling with great bowlers on teams, then getting to bowl with my brother and two sons (Patrick and Michael) for the last 15 years.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Reno and Las Vegas. The NBS and Plaza are awesome sites for the Open. I've also enjoyed going to new places that I would probably never have got to if not for the tournament.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It is a milestone! It is part of USBC history and an honor to join the great players and others who have supported and loved bowling throughout their lives.

MARVIN
MILLER



HOMETOWN: Chambersburg, Pa.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1973 – Syracuse, N.Y.

PINFALL TOTAL: 75,650

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 173.9

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Las Vegas

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

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WILLIAM
MONTY

HOMETOWN: Woodstock, Conn.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1973 – Syracuse, N.Y.

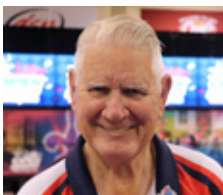
PINFALL TOTAL: 78,278

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 178.7

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: My favorite memory would be from many years ago (in the 1980s or 1990s) when I went as one of the members of two different teams to the ABC national tournament. It was memorable because of the fond memories I have of the good people who were there both as teammates and friends/spouses of the bowlers we were with for that trip.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Billings, Montana, because of the scenery and places to see and visit.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: Reaching this milestone is a statement of my ability to continue enjoying the sport of bowling. I showed this by attending/participating in the Open Championships for 50 years.



RICKIE
NADER

HOMETOWN: Surprise, Ariz.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 78,143

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 177.1

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: The years I bowled 1,800-plus. Those three years stand out the most – in my fourth, 12th and 21st years.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: I have none. I enjoy traveling across the country and experiencing different areas/cities. It used to be my annual vacation, but since I have retired, I have found different reasons to travel.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: Being able to participate with a lot of different people and continuing the journey for 50 consecutive years.



LONNIE
NETZEL

HOMETOWN: Kankakee, Ill.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1975 – Dayton, Ohio

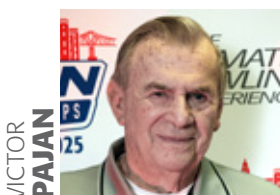
PINFALL TOTAL: 79,172

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 183.3

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: My favorite memory was from the 1989 event in Wichita, Kansas. I had my best overall Open scores.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Reno, Nevada. I've always enjoyed bowling at the Stadium. It will be the location for my 50th year, and you get to enter from the middle of the lanes.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: I thank God for good health, great family support and all my fellow bowlers that make the trip worthwhile.



VICTOR
PAJAN

HOMETOWN: Upper Chichester, Pa.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 75,540

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 171.2

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: At the 2019 event in Las Vegas, we came in second place for the Classified Team event. The winnings were shared among the members of our Romano's "A" and "B" Teams.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 2008. I arranged for an air balloon flight for two teams, which is an experience still being discussed in spite of the balloon basket landing on its side. No one was hurt.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: Reaching this milestone is not personal but shared among the 51 bowlers who participated in my 50-year venture to the USBC nationals. I have been captain of Romano's "A" and "B" Teams for 49 years.



RUSSELL
RYS

HOMETOWN: Trinity, Fla.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

PINFALL TOTAL: 83,212

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 188.6

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: My first ABC Championship was in 1972 in Long Beach, California. I was asked to sub on a team. My wife and I had never been on an airplane until we booked our trip to Long Beach. That was very exciting for us. It was very intimidating for me to bowl in a national ABC tournament. I feel I did OK averaging 188 for my first ABC. I didn't have an opportunity to bowl in the ABC tournament again until 1977 in Reno, Nevada. Since the 1977 tournament, I have 48 consecutive tournaments and 2026 will be my 50th. The national tournaments gave my wife and I a reason to travel to many cities throughout my career.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Reno, Nevada, is my favorite city. The construction of the National Bowling Stadium in Reno was great. I was impressed by the 78 lanes in one location. The renovation on the Stadium also was a nice improvement.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: I'm now 77 years old and still able to bowl and compete in leagues and at least one more Open tournament. I have enjoyed traveling all over the U.S. to bowl. I have met many great people over my bowling career and feel it's a great sport. Thanks to ABC/USBC for 66 years of bowling.



TERRY
SACCONI

HOMETOWN: Cold Spring, Ky.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 87,519

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 198.4

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: During doubles in 1993, I came off the approach after I bowled my sixth frame of Game 3, and my doubles partner said, "We need the last 13 strikes to take the lead." We did it! What a feeling.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Las Vegas. The trips there have always been great with the bowling, food, drinks and people. Some epic times and unforgettable stories.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: It was something I dedicated myself to many years ago. I have been fortunate to have good health and still enjoy bowling and competing along with a support system that backs me in reaching this goal.





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THOMAS
SCHWARTZ

HOMETOWN: Bunnell, Fla.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 76,415

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 173.2

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: I would say the times I was working for ABC during the annual convention. We would put together teams based off the staff or find bowlers that were looking for teams. It was always just fun to see these new people and bowl with new personalities – and you were able to see so many stars, too. We crossed with Dick Weber and guys like that from time to time, and that was exciting.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: It was Billings, Montana. Montana was one of the states in my territory as a field representative, and I was very closely aligned with their state director, board members and the folks that were putting together the bid. That turned out to be a really successful tournament, and I was proud to be part of it.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

I never thought I would get here. It was never my intent when I went to the first one to get to 50, but the cards all fell into place. I never anticipated to put together a streak like this. It's kind of humbling.



TOM
SIMS

HOMETOWN: Lisle, Ill.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1975 – Dayton, Ohio

PINFALL TOTAL: 84,612

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 194.5

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: Bowling 279 in the last game of team event and finishing second overall in the tournament.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Las Vegas. There is so much to do – shows, food, gambling and night life.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

I'm able to reflect on all the great times from the past. There are too many to name.



ROBERT
STOUDT JR.

HOMETOWN: Boyertown, Pa.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 75,460

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 171.1

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: During the 1984 event in Reno, I had 660 in singles. In 1993, I had 1,881 for all-events.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Reno, Nevada, and the National Bowling Stadium.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Thanks to all I participated with over the years. It's an honor I treasure.



LARRY
STRELL

HOMETOWN: Eastlake, Ohio

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 80,909

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 189.9

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: In 2013, I got to bowl with my son, Kevin. Another year, I got to bowl doubles and singles with my wife, Judy.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Memphis, Tennessee, in 1981. I got to go to Graceland, and we had good food with good friends.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It means 50 years of having good times in different cities with good friends.



EMMETT
TRAGORD

HOMETOWN: Evansdale, Iowa

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 85,651

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 194.2

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: We finished in 11th place in Regular Team in 2012 (Baton Rouge). It was fun watching our team stay in the top 10 every week until the end.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: Billings, Montana. We had a long drive with friends Fran Eighme, Kurt Krull and Jason Peterson, and that's where I had my highest all-events (2,019) and shot 299 in the team event.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Just making it through 50 years without missing any. Making it through cancer. I always made it to the tournament. I made a lot of friends along the way, and we look forward to it every year. You need a good captain to put everything together, and Joe Engelkes has done this for 49 years. He will get his 50th next year.



DANNY
UNTERBRINK

HOMETOWN: Lake Ozark, Mo.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1976 – Oklahoma City

PINFALL TOTAL: 77,395

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 175.4

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: In my second Open (1977 – Reno), I was on Lanes 3 and 4, and they brought out two guys who had 50 years at the tournament – I thought, "Oh my God!" They were going to bowl, and I wasn't sure if they could walk. Then on top of that, I looked and found that I had drawn one of the 50-year participants in brackets, so I figured I was a shoo-in for that bracket. I had 189 in my first game, and he had 219. I never judged anyone from then on.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: They all were my favorite.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It means I'm now one of the old timers.





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CHARLES
WEYANT



HOMETOWN: Stonington, Conn.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1973 – Syracuse, N.Y.

PINFALL TOTAL: 72,438

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 165.3

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: My favorite memory was meeting a gentleman from Albuquerque, New Mexico, every year at the tournament. His name was William McGee. We would get together for dinner with our wives.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: In Las Vegas (2021), I cashed for \$500 in Classified Doubles with Josh Wessell.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: It was a dream I had to make 50 years. I'm 98 years old now, so I'm praying I make it next year.

BARRY
WITMER



HOMETOWN: St. Charles, Mo.

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1974 – Indianapolis

PINFALL TOTAL: 79,953

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 181.2

FAVORITE TOURNAMENT MEMORY: Being able to visit many cities through bowling that I may have never visited and the relationships established.

FAVORITE HOST CITY: In Salt Lake City, I was able to do things there (like dog sledding) that we would never have been able to do. Many other cities also could have qualified.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU: The overall dedication it takes for this kind of achievement – 50 years at anything is amazing.



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A team of approximately 60 dedicated individuals travel to work the event each year, coming from across the country to become ambassadors in the tournament venue and lead the way in their respective departments. In addition, more than 70 local employees will join the crew to help fill out the staff at the National Bowling Stadium.

Below, you'll find the list of the traveling staff for the 2026 Open Championships, which also shows how many years of experience they have working at the tournament. Please join us in saying THANK YOU for your dedication to the tournament and the bowlers!

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Joy, Pennsylvania, 23 years
Pete, Nevada, 20 years
James, Indiana, 17 years
Robin, Nevada, 17 years
Tyler, Louisiana, 14 years
Kelli, Nevada, 12 years
Leo, Nevada, 11 years
Rick, Nevada, 11 years
Elaine, Texas, 10 years
Jazmin, Texas, nine years
Robert, Nevada, nine years
Victoria, Nevada, nine years
Brian, Nevada, eight years
Sheldon, Tennessee, eight years
Suzanne, New York, eight years
Jimmy, Nevada, seven years
Ronald, New York, seven years
Suzanne, Nevada, six years
Taimarius, Nevada, six years
Damian, Nevada, five years
Joyce, Arizona, five years
Aric, Nevada, four years

Claire, Nevada, four years
Justin, Indiana, four years
Leslie, Nevada, four years
Mary, Nevada, four years
Michael, Nevada, four years
Brian, Arizona, three years
Eric, Nevada, three years
Gloria, Nevada, three years
Kayli, New York, three years
David, Louisiana, two years
Donald, Louisiana, two years
Herman, Louisiana, two years
Jason, Louisiana, two years
Mark, Minnesota, two years
Mark, Nevada, two years
Michael, North Dakota, two years
Michelle, Nevada, two years
Nick, Indiana, two years
Raheem, Louisiana, two years
Sam, Louisiana, two years
Synthia, Nevada, two years
Sephra, Texas, one year

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