

Classic Division champions at the USBC Open Championships

The Classic Division began in 1961 to separate the professional and non-professional entrants in the tournament. It was discontinued after 1979.

Key: T, team; D, doubles; S, singles



TEAM

Year	Winner	Games	Series
1979	Robby's Automatic Positioner, No. 1, Glendale, Calif.	1,030 - 1,019 - 1,061	3,110
1978	The Untouchable Lounge, Kirksville, Mo.	946 - 951 - 1,014	2,911
1977	Columbia 300 Bowling Balls, San Antonio	1,116 - 1,020 - 986	3,122
1976	Munsingwear No. 2, Minneapolis	1,052 - 1,086 - 1,143	3,281
1975	Munsingwear No. 2, Minneapolis	910 - 1,146 - 924	2,980
1974	Ebonite Corp., Hopkinsville, Ky.	999 - 1,057 - 1,061	3,117
1973	Stroh's Beer, Detroit	977 - 1,114 - 959	3,050
1972	Basch Advertising, New York	1,053 - 1,033 - 1,013	3,099
1971	Chester Iio Investments, Houston	1,138 - 977 - 966	3,081
1970*	Merchant Enterprises, New York	1,035 - 1,052 - 1,067	3,154
1969	Dick Weber Wrist Masters, Santa Ana, Calif.	3,132 - 3,281	6,413
1968	Bowl-Rite Supply, Joliet, Ill.	3,059 - 3,226	6,285
1967	Balancer Glove, Ft. Worth, Texas	3,235 - 3,063	6,298
1966	Ace Mitchell Shur-Hooks, Akron, Ohio	3,179 - 3,357	6,536
1965	Thelmal Lanes, Louisville, Ky.	3,073 - 3,078	6,151
1964	Falstaff Beer, St. Louis	3,207 - 3,210	6,417
1963	California Bombers, Los Angeles	3,141 - 3,092	6,233
1962	Don Carter Gloves, St. Louis	3,052 - 3,196	6,248
1961	Brentwood Bowl, San Francisco	2,996 - 2,987	5,983

*Format changed to six team roll-off.

DOUBLES

Year	Winner (with individual series)	Series
1979	Neil Burton (641)/Nelson Burton Jr. (772), St. Louis	1,413
1978	Steve Fehr (614)/Dave Newrath (686), Cincinnati	1,300
1977	Frank Werman (748)/Randy Neal (589), Los Angeles	1,337
	Don Bell (655), Santa Maria, Calif./Kevin Gannon (682), Long Beach, Calif.	1,337
1976	Don Johnson (771), Las Vegas/Paul Colwell (671), Tucson, Ariz.	1,442
1975	Marty Piraino (772), Syracuse, N.Y./Bill Bunetta (620), Fresno, Calif.	1,392
1974	Tye Critchlow (693), Claremont, Calif./Bob Perry (666), Paterson, N.J.	1,359
1973	Bobby Cooper (661), Houston/George Pappas (678), Charlotte, N.C.	1,339
1972	Carmen Salvino (647), Chicago/Barry Asher (719), Costa Mesa, Calif.	1,366
1971	Barry Warshafsky (635)/Bill Zuben (722), Boston	1,357
1970	Dave Soutar (747), Gilroy, Calif./Nelson Burton Jr. (684), St. Louis	1,431
1969	Don McCune (734), Munster, Ind./Jim Stefanich (621), Joliet, Ill.	1,355
1968	Bill Tucker (697), Los Angeles/Don Johnson (632), Kokomo, Ind.	1,329
1967	Norm Meyers (757), Los Angeles/Harry Smith (665), Redwood City, Calif.	1,422
1966	Jim Stefanich (753)/Andy Rogoznica (608), Chicago	1,361

1965	Larry Oakar (667), Cleveland/Bill Beach (688), Sharon, Pa.	1,355
1964	Hal Jolley (627)/Bob Strampe (728), Detroit	1,355
1963	Joe Joseph (728)/Billy Golembiewski (650), Detroit	1,378
1962	Glenn Allison (780)/Dick Hoover (651), St. Louis	1,431
1961	Don Ellis (678), Houston/Joe Kristof (653), Chicago	1,331

SINGLES

Year	Winner	Games	Series
1979	Ed Biro, Kingston, N.Y.	226 - 246 - 267	739
1978	Bill Beach, Sharon, Pa.	245 - 237 - 219	701
1977	Mickey Higham, Kansas City	279 - 266 - 256	801
1976	Jim Schroeder, Buffalo, N.Y.	258 - 247 - 245	750
1975	Les Zikes, Chicago	224 - 217 - 269	710
1974	Ed DiTolla, Maywood, N.J.	266 - 269 - 212	747
1973	Nelson Burton Jr., St. Louis	289 - 212 - 223	724
1972	Teata Semiz, River Edge, N.J.	254 - 233 - 267	754
1971	Victor Iwlew, Kalamazoo, Mich.	240 - 276 - 234	750
1970	Glenn Allison, Whittier, Calif.	258 - 258 - 214	730
1969	Nelson Burton Jr., St. Louis	207 - 267 - 258	732
1968	Dave Davis, Phoenix	275 - 235 - 231	741
1967	Lou Mandragona, Miami	255 - 234 - 247	736
1966	Les Schissler, Denver	249 - 255 - 256	760
1965	Bob Kennicutt, Norwalk, Calif.	246 - 243 - 208	697
1964	Billy Hardwick, San Mateo, Calif.	216 - 258 - 223	730
1963	Tom Hennessey, St. Louis	278 - 221 - 233	732
1962	Bob Poole, Pueblo, Colo.	257 - 258 - 244	759
1961	Earl Johnson, Chicago	255 - 256 - 222	733

ALL-EVENTS

Year	Winner	T	D	S	All-Events
1979	Nelson Burton Jr., St. Louis	591	772	716	2,079
1978	Bill Beach, Sharon, Pa.	666	574	701	1,941
1977	Dick Ritger, River Falls, Wis.	593	646	725	1,964
1976	Gary Fust, Des Moines, Iowa	622	685	743	2,050
1975	Bill Beach, Sharon, Pa.	602	685	706	1,993
1974	Jim Godman, Lorain, Ohio	731	749	704	2,184
1973	Jimmy Mack, Hackettstown, N.J.	625	657	712	1,994
1972	Teata Semiz, River Edge, N.J.	609	631	754	1,994
1971	Gary Dickinson, Fort Worth, Texas	655	635	710	2,000
1970	Bob Strampe, Detroit	687	686	670	2,043
1969	Larry Lichstein, Hartford, Conn.	618	716	726	2,060
1968	Jim Stefanich, Joliet, Ill.	664	652	667	1,983
1967	Bob Strampe, Detroit	667	699	726	2,092
1966	Les Schissler, Denver	665	687	760	2,112
1965	Tom Hennessey, St. Louis	(577-611)	668	693	2,549
1964	Billy Hardwick, San Mateo, Calif.	694	664	730	2,088

1963	Tom Hennessey, St. Louis	615	651	732	1,998
1962	Jack Winters, Philadelphia	679	792	676	2,147
1961	Bob Brayman, Detroit	646	680	637	1,963