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South Point, we're back!

Welcome back to Las Vegas, South Point and the USBC Open Championships!

Since 2017, the one-of-a-kind South Point Bowling Plaza has been a home away from home for the Open Championships and tens of thousands of eager bowlers and their guests, and we're excited to be back in 2022.

We persevered last year, thanks to the hospitality and flexibility of South Point and its staff, and nearly 40,000 bowlers had the opportunity to return to the tournament lanes, following the cancellation of the 2020 event due to COVID-19.

There were challenges and restrictions that came with the COVID-shortened 2021 tournament, but the show went on, and one of the sport's mightiest traditions was able to happen for the 117th time since 1901.

The 118th edition of the Open Championships also is historic, with the world's largest participatory sporting event returning to full capacity for 129 memorable days of competition from March 12-July 18.

We've got so many of your favorite things in 2022, along with a new daily schedule and full-time tournament director.

Team squads this year are being held at 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and doubles/singles squads are taking place at 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Please note, the 9:30 p.m. squad features 30 lanes of team competition and 30 lanes of doubles/singles.

This year's visit to South Point marks the tournament's fourth trip to the 60-lane venue and sixth trip to Las Vegas overall, with previous stops in the Entertainment Capital of the World in 1986, 2009, 2017, 2019 and 2021. It also is the third time in history the tournament has returned to the same city and venue in consecutive years.

South Point, we're back!

The latter definitely has its positives, especially in Las Vegas.

There's familiarity with the expansive South Point complex and the competitive routine and environment inside the Bowling Plaza, while the city itself continues to change from year to year, always offering new sights and resorts to see, restaurants to try and entertainers to be wowed by.

For some, there's comfort and warmth delivered by a laneside beer-soaked hot dog before heading into the Squad Room, while others may be motivated by a once-in-a-lifetime dinner reservation on The Strip. Or, both – and the promise of a well-rounded trip filled with on- and off-lane opportunities and memories.

We've got the venue and competition part covered, as we have for more than a century. We strive to wow our newcomers and longtime bowlers alike, offering a mix of tradition with freshness and innovation.

We're here to welcome back 32 defending champions, recognize dozens of bowlers celebrating participation milestones and usher countless competitors to the lanes for their championship debuts.

In 2021, competition at the Open Championships was held across two venues for the first time in history, with doubles/singles taking place at the nearby South Point Bowling Center, but all three events in 2022 – team, doubles and singles – are being held under the high ceilings of the Bowling Plaza.

The tournament features three average-based divisions, all of which have team, doubles, singles and optional all-events, with combined entering averages being used for team and doubles placement.

We're excited to see everyone back on the lanes this year, including those we've missed out on spending time with the last two years.

Off the lanes, South Point again has delivered a convenient and delicious experience for the bowlers and guests.

We've already mentioned the unrivaled hot dog cart that resides just to the left of Lane 1 inside the Bowling Plaza and has become as important a stop in the tournament routine as the Scale Room and scoresheet kiosk.

The hot dog experience continues downstairs in the casino, with another well-placed cart to keep bowlers satiated as they collect their brackets winnings at the South Point Race and Sports Book.

Those are just two popular choices from more than 10 dining options on the South Point property. You can get anything from eggs benedict to deli sandwiches to pizza to burritos and margaritas to delicious steaks in an elegant atmosphere. South Point has every taste and price point covered.

Before and after bowling and dining, there's a spacious workout facility, pool, spa, table games, slot machines, bingo, movies and more.

SOME TOP THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE OC EXPERIENCE

#1 All bowlers must fill out a Green Sheet prior to competition. This includes questions about averages, prize winnings and more.

It should be done digitally at BOWL.com/OpenChamp.

#2 There is a dress code in place for the Open Championships.

Information and examples can be found on BOWL.com, in the tournament rules and on signage

throughout the South Point Bowling Plaza.

#3 Did you know the Open Championships has its own shipping service called Bowling Ball Express? It was designed as a convenience for the bowlers, allowing them to travel without the hassle of lugging bowling balls all over town.

Equipment can be shipped to or from the tournament venue!

#4 Lockers are available on-site at the South Point Bowling Plaza, so you can leave your equipment overnight. Two sizes are

available (token machines are located next to Bowling Ball Express) with plenty of room for all your equipment.

Save money by sharing with a teammate or two!

#5 It may be too late for this year, but as you begin to plan your trip to Reno, Nevada, for the 2023 Open Championships, remember to use MyBowlingVacation.com for all your hotel needs.

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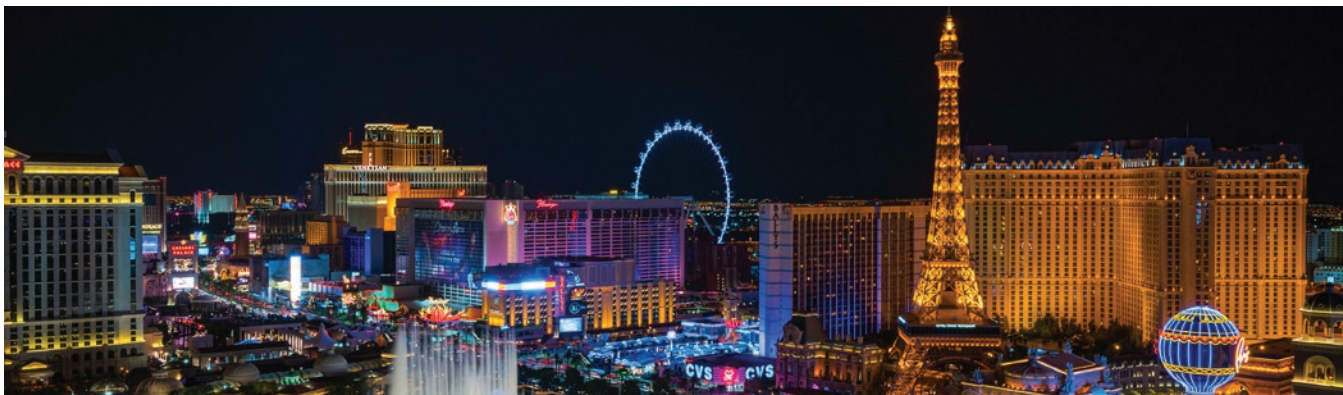


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South Point, we're back!



When you're ready to venture out, the surrounding areas, including the famous Las Vegas Strip and Fremont Experience, offer an endless variety of things to see and do.

The mega-resorts are ever-changing and there's always some new entertainment in town. Revisit a favorite spot or entertainer, or brave a new world.

Toward the end of the 2021 Open Championships, The Strip saw the opening of the ultra-modern Resorts World Las Vegas, a three-hotel, 3,500-room property that spans 66 floors and includes more than 40 places to eat and drink.

Just before that, in late 2020, Circa Resort & Casino joined the landscape just a short jaunt from both the heart of The Strip and the famous Fremont Street Experience.

The highlight of the Circa experience is a massive aquatic amphitheater with six pools, an incredible 143-foot screen for watching all the top sporting events and room for 4,000 relaxation- and refreshment-seeking guests.

See what new restaurants and shops have popped up near the impressive High Roller Ferris wheel or take a ride 550 feet up and see Las Vegas like never before.

Take a break from the glitz and glamour and experience the outdoors – hiking in Red Rock Canyon, kayaking at Emerald Cave, ride an ATV through the desert, zipline over Las Vegas,

take a helicopter or hot air balloon ride, play a round or two of golf, see the Hoover Dam, check out Lake Mead, take in a Las Vegas Aviators baseball game or take a tour of the new Allegiant Stadium, home of the Las Vegas Raiders.

If taking in a show is your thing, the 2022 calendar is packed with options – standbys such as Barry Manilow, Donny Osmond and David Copperfield or current chart-toppers, including Carrie Underwood, Katy Perry and Shania Twain. There's also an array of Cirque shows that are jaw-droppingly entertaining.

There's so much to do that even if you haven't missed an Open Championships in years, your 2022 experience can be as unique and memorable as any other.

As you plan your time in Las Vegas for the 2022 Open Championships, swing by visitlasvegas.com for an alphabetical list of things to see and do that's more than 500 pages long.

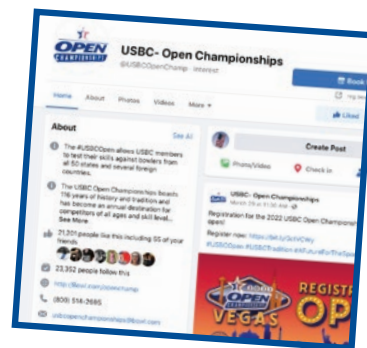
That should keep you pretty busy when you're not on the lanes at the #USBCOpen or Bowlers Journal Championships, which has returned to the South Point Bowling Center in 2022 and offers squads nearly around the clock.

If you have any questions along the way, we're here to help. Find us online, or come by the Bowler Services counter inside the South Point Bowling Plaza.

LET'S BE FRIENDS

Remember, there's a Facebook page just for the USBC Open Championships. Daily posts help you follow the event, and you can enjoy everything from photos of the day to highlight videos to stories to tips about where to go in Las Vegas, celebrations, recaps, throwback photos, great discussions and much more.

Follow the tournament action at [Facebook.com/USBCOpenChamp](https://www.facebook.com/USBCOpenChamp).



And, if you just love bowling in general and want to keep up with all of the USBC news, find us at BOWL.com and on Facebook (Sport of Bowling – USBC), Twitter (@USBC) and Instagram (@USBowlingCongress) or check out some great video content on BowlTV.com!

2021 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS FEATURED ULTIMATE TEST OF VERSATILITY

Competitors at the USBC Open Championships usually know to expect an atmosphere unlike any other.

That includes tournament-specific traditions, such as the festive and musical march to the lanes, high ceilings, bright lights, enormous scoreboards and a variety of other nuances that separate the world's largest participatory sporting event from any other bowling tournament.

The crowning of nearly three dozen national champions each year also includes testing the tens of thousands of competitors on lane conditions that require patience, accuracy and top-notch spare shooting.

Through 2012, that meant conquering one unfamiliar oil pattern. The 2013 Open Championships featured the introduction of a second oil pattern (one for team competition and another for doubles/singles), as well as fresh oil for every squad throughout the day.

Success on the tournament lanes, especially for the all-events and Team All-Events winners, is a true test of versatility across nine games and two oil patterns. For others, there is the challenge of maintaining momentum after a successful team event or patiently taking on the event's second lane condition with redemption in mind.

In 2021, even after nearly 120 years of Open Championships competition, tournament goers experienced something for the first time – two venues in the same year.

With COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing in mind, all team squads (with one team per pair of lanes) took place in



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the familiar South Point Bowling Plaza, while doubles/singles competition shifted to the South Point Bowling Center, just a short walk across the South Point complex.

The second venue, a 64-lane facility, wasn't unfamiliar to those who experienced the Bowlers Journal Championships or team practice sessions in 2017 and 2019, but the perception was different with Eagles on the line.

It marked the first time any Open Championships competition took place in a traditional bowling center, but the historic move was necessary for the 2021 event to go on.

The 2021 tournament was the event's third visit to South Point and fifth trip to Las Vegas.

The COVID-shortened 79-day tournament welcomed more than 38,000 bowlers on 7,609 teams to Las Vegas to compete for millions of dollars in prize money. The tournament kicked off May 1 and concluded July 18 with the crowning of 32 champions.

Highlighting the list of 2021 winners was Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, who bowled on the last team squad of the year July 17 and the final doubles and singles squad July 18.

The two-hander became the third competitor in tournament history to surpass the 2,300 mark in all-events, and he missed the all-time mark by just 23 pins.

Via, who won the 2021 U.S. Open three months before his near-record performance, kicked off his seventh Open Championships appearance with an 825 series in team. It was the first 800 in team competition in 2021 and the second 800 overall.

He added 710 in doubles and 768 in singles for a 2,303 total.

The first to break 2,300 was 2009 Regular All-Events winner Ron Vokes of Racine, Wisconsin, who shot 2,321. A year later, left-hander Matt McNiel of Minneapolis claimed the first of his four Eagles with a 2,326 performance.

Also finding the winner's circle in 2021 were a pair of previous champions, Chris Pierson of West Bend, Wisconsin, and David Labinski of Milwaukee, whose first victory together at the Open Championships came in Team All-Events in 2018.

They both threw three strikes in their final frame of doubles in 2021 to steal the top spot in Regular Doubles by just four pins with a 1,466 total.

Pierson led the way with games of 269, 232 and 246 for a 747 series. Labinski started slowly with a 204 game, but he followed it with 246 and 269 for a 719 total.

The Regular Singles title was a return to the spotlight for Team USA member and 2018 USBC Masters champion

Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, who used the first of the year's two 800s to secure the victory at the South Point Bowling Center. He had games of 269, 277 and 256 for an 802 series.

Regular Team and Team All-Events featured some redemption for the champions.

Before the 1st Frame 1 of Battleboro, North Carolina, rolled games of 1,063, 1,155 and 1,182 and won the team event with a 3,400 total.

Kyle Troup, an eight-time PBA Tour champion and a member of Team USA, led the 2021 surge with a 757 series and was followed by Dylan Macon (697), Chris Hans (676), Brian Locke (652) and Dennis Killough (618). Three of the team members fell just short in 2019, finishing sixth in the team event.

After a couple of late miscues saw the doubles title get away from Kevin Bienko of Kenmore, New York, and Chad Mee of Hamburg, New York, the two were able to maintain their composure and lead Kenmore's BowlU to the Team All-Events win.

Bienko (2,226) and Mee (2,042) teamed with Andrew Herbert (2,086), Ryan Reese (1,929) and Joseph DiNardo (1,675) to claim the title with a 9,958 total. Reese's performance included one of the year's 20 perfect games.

The Standard Division continues to be a strong addition to the tournament structure. It debuted at South Point in 2017.

Proformance Team 2 of Clermont, Florida, turned in a record performance to win the Standard Team title in 2021. It included games of 950 and 1,026, before a then-record 1,110 finale helped the team to the highest total in four years of Standard competition (3,086).

The effort was led by Billy Standridge, who finished with a 713 series on the strength of a 278 final game. He was joined by Charles Piker (687), Duane Podgorski (618), Sal Trevino (569) and Deanne Walsh (499).

Standard Doubles was won by William Matovina of Clearwater, Florida (635), and Christopher Davis of Winter Haven, Florida (631), with a 1,266 total.

Mark Wojtusiak of Chandler, Arizona, set the pace in Standard Singles with a 711 series. He rolled games of 219, 216 and 276 for the best singles series of his 17 years at the Open Championships.

Michael Hamilton of Davenport, Iowa, earned the Standard All-Events win with sets of 662 in team, 648 in doubles and 632 in singles for a 1,942 total.

The Standard Division includes bowlers with entering

tournament averages of 156-175, doubles pairs with combined entering averages of 311-350 and teams with combined averages of 776-875.

The top spot in Classified Team was claimed by Denver's Mile Hy Rollers, which used a clean final frame, including three strikes from anchor John Martinac, to land at the top of the standings with a 2,702 total.

The performance included games of 900, 884 and 918, led by Brian Stwalley with a 578 series. He was followed by Norman Roderick (544), Albert Flis (538), Kevin Fullmer (525) and Martinac (517).

In Classified Doubles, the husband-and-wife duo of Thomas and Sonia Holguin of Northlake, Texas, posted a 1,211 total and dedicated their performance to Thomas' mother, who died in August 2020 due to complications from COVID-19.

Their inspired performance included a 667 series from Thomas, the best set of his six appearances at the Open Championships, while Sonia added a 544 set.

Barry Mortimeyer, a right-hander from Roseville, California, tossed games of 213, 231 and 230 to claim the Classified Singles title with a 674 total.

Michael Martinez, a right-hander from Cicero, Illinois, had sets of 646 in team, 610 in singles and 544 in doubles for a 1,800 total, and a late-falling 9 pin on his final shot netted him the first 1,800 total in the Classified Division since 2014.

The Classified Division includes bowlers with entering tournament averages of 155 and below, doubles pairs with combined entering averages of 310 and below and teams with combined averages of 775 or below.

During the run of the 2021 Open Championships, there were 20 perfect games, 12 299s and five 298s, while 25 additional bowlers rolled 11 consecutive strikes.

Additional highlights included 22 bowlers entering the event's 50-Year Club and two new members of the 60-Year Club, while USBC Hall of Famer Bob Hart Sr. of Suwanee, Georgia, became the 15th bowler in history to compete 65 times.

Just a few days before Hart's milestone appearance, Jamie Brooks of McKinney, became the 24th member of the 100,000-Pin Club.





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THE TOP OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS PERFORMERS IN 2021

REGULAR DIVISION

Team (combined averages of 876 and above)

1. Before the 1st Frame 1, Battleboro, N.C., 3,400
2. Bowlers Headquarters, Muskego, Wis., 3,368
3. The Bowlers Shoppe 1, St. Louis, 3,352
4. Bowlers Connection 1, Carpentersville, Ill., 3,348
5. Ansara Restaurant Group 4, Clinton Township, Mich., 3,343

Doubles (combined averages of 351 and above)

1. Chris Pierson, West Bend, Wis., and David Labinski, Milwaukee, 1,466
2. Kevin Bienko, Kenmore, N.Y., and Chad Mee, Hamburg, N.Y., 1,462
3. Perry Crowell IV, Hoquiam, Wash., and Jeffrey Mastny, Arlington, Neb., 1,453
4. Gregory Young, Rockledge, Fla., and Aaron Ruiz, Nashville, Tenn., 1,447
5. Chad Svendsen, Monroe, Wis., and Jonathan Schalow, Beloit, Wis., 1,436

Singles (averages of 176 and above)

1. Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 802
2. Rick Schafer, Arvada, Colo., 799
3. David Haynes, Las Vegas, 793
4. David Reaume, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 791
5. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 786

All-Events (averages of 176 and above)

1. Chris Via, Blacklick, Ohio, 2,303
2. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,264
3. Kevin Bienko, Kenmore, N.Y., 2,226
4. Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,203
5. Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,194

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

1. BowlU, Kenmore, N.Y., 9,958
2. K and J Finishing 1, Carpentersville, Ill., 9,927
3. Crawford's Pro Shop, Redding, Calif., 9,897
4. Bowlers Headquarters, Muskego, Wis., 9,887
5. Care Bears, Melissa, Texas, 9,882

STANDARD DIVISION

Team (combined averages of 776-875)

1. Proformance Team 2, Clermont, Fla., 3,086
- T2. Steve Calyore Team 2, Naples, Fla., 2,994
- T2. Him Bowling Events 7, Chula Vista, Calif., 2,994
4. Tug N Tap 2, Lorain, Ohio, 2,957
5. RXRET AZ, Tucson, Ariz., 2,927

Doubles (combined Averages of 311-350)

1. William Matovina, Clearwater, Fla., and Christopher Davis, Winter Haven, Fla., 1,266

2. Scott Floyd Jr., and Rick Carrigan Sr., Evanston, Wyo., 1,261
3. Joseph Didion Sr., Greenwood, Ind., and Brandon Didion, Indianapolis, 1,257
4. Richard Mills, Palatine, Ill., and Glenn Mills, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 1,240
5. Richard La Crue, Morrison, Colo., and Ernie Lloyd, Centennial, Colo., 1,229

Singles (averages of 156-175)

1. Mark Wojtusiak, Chandler, Ariz., 711
2. Chris Lytle, Kearney, Neb., 706
3. Travis Hicks, Riverside, Calif., 703
4. Tutor Caldwell, Stockton, Mo., 696
5. Erich Synstegard, Cottage Grove, Minn., 693

All-Events (averages of 156-175)

1. Michael Hamilton, Davenport, Iowa, 1,942
2. Tim Pounds, Shawnee, Kan., 1,924
3. Chris Rodriguez, Kansas City, Kan., 1,922
4. Erich Synstegard, Cottage Grove, Minn., 1,910
5. Kerry Krizan, Fort Myers, Fla., 1,904

CLASSIFIED DIVISION

Team (combined averages of 775 and below)

1. Mile Hy Rollers, Denver, 2,702
2. Bowling Friends, Ventura, Calif., 2,683
3. Stars & Strikes 23, Conifer, Colo., 2,631
4. High Five, Fort Lupton, Colo., 2,624
5. The Rookies, Ogden, Utah, 2,593

Doubles (combined averages of 310 and below)

1. Sonia Holguin and Thomas Holguin, Northlake, Texas, 1,211
2. Ron Terry and Dustin Terry, Nevada, Mo., 1,160
3. Daniel Thoele, Arlington, Minn., and James Lang, Courtland, Minn., 1,145
4. Sandra Pizzini and Jean Maxwell, Boerne, Texas, 1,131
5. Johnny Anderson and Blaine Pierce, Richfield, Utah, 1,125

Singles (averages of 155 and below)

1. Barry Mortimeyer, Roseville, Calif., 674
2. Ryan Goeringer, Highland, Utah, 636
3. Howard Sharp, Maytown, Pa., 635
4. Ron Hawkins, Washougal, Wash., 619
5. Tim Pierzchalski, Burlington, Conn., 615

All Events (averages of 155 and below)

1. Michael Martinez, Cicero, Ill., 1,800
2. Austin Eastman, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1,758
3. Bryce Libtow, Waterford, Mich., 1,735
4. Clifton Grant, Jackson, Miss., 1,730
5. Lindsey Anderson, Mabank, Texas, 1,721

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#USBCOPEN IS AN ANNUAL DESTINATION FOR SO MANY REASONS

Each year, tens of thousands of bowlers make their way to the USBC Open Championships to compete for Eagle trophies in three average-based divisions.

In the end, though, barring any ties, the maximum number of bowlers who can achieve that goal is 32.

The allure of the coveted Eagle might be enough to bring some competitors back to the tournament lanes, but the reality of the math of it all would suggest there are other things about the Open Championships that make it such a can't-miss event.

Since the inaugural tournament in 1901, the Open Championships has offered a unique venue, traditionally built from the ground up inside a convention center or armory. The high ceilings, bright lights and custom scoreboards offer a stage like no other.

The blueprint served as the inspiration for the famed National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, and the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, which have become permanent fixtures on the tournament schedule and must-see destinations for any serious bowlers.

A variety of host cities has brought competitors to places they likely wouldn't have visited otherwise.

A multi-million-dollar prize fund and a plethora of brackets, side pots and side events provide financial incentive for bowlers to test their preparation and progress against the best from around the world.

The field of thousands of five-player teams at the Open Championships each year is filled with bowlers of all ages and skill levels, many of whom compete for some, or all, of the reasons mentioned above.

Some don't know anything about the tournament, its history, the annual duration, the number of competitors, the fact that they're competing against bowlers from all 50 states and several foreign countries or the overall prestige of success on the championship lanes, but it doesn't take long to realize the Open Championships isn't another local moonlight sweeper.

Most often, though, seeing is believing.

No description can create the feeling of walking down Center Aisle at the NBS or looking into the rafters and seeing the record banners or banners recognizing the previous year's champions.

No description truly can prepare you for the heart-pumping marchout music or how different your first shot will feel compared to your home bowling center.

Sometimes, understanding the magnitude of the Open Championships comes with witnessing someone else's success or milestone. Maybe it's watching someone shoot 300 or take the lead or get recognized for reaching 50 years of tournament participation.

Regardless of how it happens, or when, most longtime tournament bowlers can pinpoint a moment or two that completely changed their perception of the Open Championships – the AHA moment that often is part of the reason it's a permanent fixture on their calendars.

We made the following request on the official Open Championships Facebook page, and we got some terrific answers:

Tell us about your "AHA" moment and when you realized the magnitude and prestige of the OC and the tournament stage.

Was it your first march to the lanes? Seeing your name on the one-of-a-kind scoreboard? Did you take the lead or win? See a 300? Was there a milestone ceremony on your squad?

We can't wait to hear about those butterflies, tears and unforgettable memories!

Below, we've got some thoughts shared by a few dedicated bowlers, past champions and spotlight stealers about their experiences at the Open Championships and the moment(s) it clicked that the OC is more than just another bowling tournament.

We look forward to seeing each of them again in 2022 making more memories at the South Point Bowling Plaza:

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John Litzelfelner

Jackson, Missouri

John Litzelfelner, now a 20-time Open Championships participant, made his tournament debut at the National Bowling Stadium in 2001.

In the same venue in 2014, he achieved something that has been accomplished just 906 times in 117 years of Open Championships competition.

My first OC was in 2001 at the (National Bowling) Stadium. Our two teams bowled on 1&2. It was a truly awesome experience being the first group out of the tunnel.

I've bowled in every OC since, and my highlight was shooting 300 in the 2014 team event. I could literally hear my own heartbeat before throwing the 12th strike, as the Stadium got so quiet!



Bryan Spigarelli

Janesville, Wisconsin

The Open Championships is a family tradition for Bryan Spigarelli, and he hasn't missed a year since his debut in 2002. The Spigarelli family has tallied nearly 140 years of OC participation, with Bryan owning 19 of those appearances.

This year, they get to be part of a special milestone, as his father, Tony Spigarelli, celebrates 50 years on the tournament lanes. Through 2021, only 282 bowlers have competed 50 times.

My very first nationals in Billings, Montana, in 2002. I was able to bowl with three generations of my family – my grandfather, father and my brother – and haven't missed a tournament yet.

I was fortunate to bowl that year because, unfortunately, my grandfather passed away a short time after. The experience was something I will never forget. Bowling has always been a family tradition.





Marc Lineberry

Camanche, Iowa

Marc Lineberry has been involved in the bowling industry for almost 40 years as a center manager, pro shop owner, proprietor, member of the Iowa Bowling Proprietors Association and as an Iowa State USBC Hall of Famer.

Lineberry made his Open Championships debut in 1975 and added his name to the list of 300 shooters during the 1993 event in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He now has competed in 45 editions of the OC.

Just finishing my 45th OC tournament and looking forward to hopefully making it to my 50th in a few years makes me remember lots of great times.

Shooting 300 one year, finishing third in doubles 40 years ago and having a seventh and eighth place in singles are just footnotes, however, to all the far more important great times, trips and memories made with great friends over these 45 years. Those are my real AHA moments.



Justin Barcomb

Hudson Falls, New York

Justin Barcomb also made his Open Championships debut at the 2002 event in Billings, Montana, and he has competed 12 times overall.

For him, it was his first march to the lanes that was the eye-opener.

Before going in 2002, I thought "it's just a big city tournament."

Until you hear the music play and walk out to the lanes. That is when I was like, "woah, this is an experience."



Craig Auerbach

Crawfordville, Florida

Craig Auerbach found immediate success at the Open Championships and returned for his second event as a celebrity, as being a past champion or rolling a 300 or 800 on the championship lanes means being on the Squad Room announcements every year for the rest of your life.

In his debut, Auerbach helped Top of the Line Pool Service of Clearwater, Florida, to the Team All-Events title with a 9,730 total, and he added to his personal legacy in 2008 with a perfect game in the team event. He has competed 16 times overall.

I have two noteworthy moments.

First, was 2004, the first year I bowled. We were fortunate enough to win Team All-Events. Four of us bowled doubles and singles on one squad, and our fifth guy bowled later that day.

The four of us sat, watched and threw every ball he did for the whole six games.

It came all the way down to the 10th frame of singles, and he did it. We took the lead.

After two solid months of score watching, our score held up.

Then, it wasn't as dramatic, but shooting 300 in 2008 was a pretty awesome feeling. I can remember letting the 12th one go and thinking to myself, "that's got a chance."



Sonia Holguin

Northlake, Texas

Sonia Holguin also had an unforgettable debut on the tournament lanes, claiming a Classified Doubles Eagle during the 2021 event in Las Vegas.

She got to share the moment with her husband, Thomas, and the victory had a very special meaning.

Last year, I bowled in my first Open Championships. I'd bowled in several tournaments over the past five years at South Point, but 2021 was the first year I was able to bowl in the county, state and national tournaments.

Overall, I didn't do that well, but my hubby, Thomas, had an amazing tournament season, finishing in the top three in his divisions in all three tournaments.

The most important thing to us is that bowling is something we can do together, and after a tough year, we won the 2021 Classified Doubles title!

We wore these gaudy flamingo shirts in memory of my mother-in-law, who we lost to COVID the previous year.

When a photographer came to our lanes to take picture, I thought, "man, our shirts are a hit!" We had no clue we were about to take the lead in the Classified Division. That was on like June 1, and we were able to keep the lead through the rest of the tournament.

Dude, we are Eagle winners!

I struggle with consistency, and I am still learning to trust the process, but I feel so lucky that Thomas and I accomplished this together and that it will be a lifetime memory. We're not worthy!



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2023 will mark a memorable return to the National Bowling Stadium

Since 1977, Reno, Nevada, has been the backdrop for so many important milestones at the USBC Open Championships.

We're going to name a few below, since this amazing bowling event is why we're all here, and because we're looking forward to returning to Reno and the National Bowling Stadium in 2023.

Why is there so much excitement surrounding the tournament's return to Reno? It's because the city has evolved quite a bit since we last were there in 2016, including the conclusion of a long-term renovation project within the NBS.

The bowlers and their guests didn't get to see the new look in 2020 because COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the event following a series of postponements that began just days before the competition was scheduled to start.

The Open Championships setup team and staff got to see what was new under the Stadium's iconic aluminum geodesic dome and at the top of the familiar four-story escalator. The staff and participants at the USBC Women's Championships got to see and experience it for the 2021 Women's Championships.

The renovation project, which previously included a downstairs remodel – the addition of the Kingpin Club and

bowling lanes on the ground floor, along with a satellite version of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame – plus a brand new squad room, ended with an expanded settee area and concourse redesign.

In the concourse transformation, the spacious NBS bleachers got a new look, and moving the concession stand and accompanying restrooms allowed for more open space for events and activities. The venue's air-conditioning system also was completely rebuilt.

Now, the #USBCOpen will make its return, ending the longest run without an NBS year, since the facility opened in 1995. The event again will run from March through mid-July.

Since Reno has such a range of weather and things to do, the OC faithful, their friends and families and newcomers alike will have the opportunity to choose the time of year and time in the event that sound the best.

Are you a snow skier or a water skier? Are you snowballs or beach balls? Do you like to set the scores to beat or know about what it might take to win?

Can you wait 120-plus days to find out if your score was enough, like Mike Neumann in 1990, or would you rather be in the venue when the tournament ends, like defending Regular All-Events winner Chris Via, who bowled on the last team squad and last doubles/singles squad in 2021.

We've picked the place, and we'll set the stage, but so much of the Open Championships experience is what you and your teammates make of it. The opportunity is there to make memories or make history. Check out some special Reno highlights:

The Biggest Little City in the World wasted little time solidifying its place in the tournament annals, giving us the first (and second) 800 series in the event's history (1977), after nearly 80 editions.

That same year, another special Open Championships tradition continued, as the championship lanes played host



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to the USBC Masters, and Earl Anthony was able to claim the first of his two victories at the prestigious event.

His second Masters win came seven years later (1984), also in Reno. It was the same place, but different lanes, built from the ground up each year. He was just that good – and clearly at home on Virginia Street.

Each of those first two visits to Reno featured record prize funds for the Open Championships, and the climbing team counts obviously proved something to the right people, as the plan for the National Bowling Stadium and officially turning Reno into a bowling destination grew closer.

The final convention-center stop in 1990 saw Neumann, of Buffalo, New York, break in the lanes in a memorable way. He bowled on the first two days of the event and posted scores good enough to hold up for 123 days and net him four titles.

It was the third time in history, and first time in three decades, someone was able to accomplish that feat. It hasn't been repeated since.

In 1995, the NBS opened its doors and welcomed record numbers of teams (17,285) and bowlers (91,425) for the Open Championships. The venue also hosted the Masters and International Bowling Federation Super World Championships.

Open Championships visits to the NBS followed in 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2016.

During those years, we saw:

- Mike Aulby become the first three-time winner at the Masters (1998)
- The debut of synthetic Twister pins at the OC (2001)
- The first 300 by a woman at the Open Championships (Kristine Kropf of Antioch, California, in 2001)
- A record prize fund and top prizes (2007)
- A record all-events score of 2,326 by Minnesota's Matt McNeil (2010)
- Consecutive stops in the same host city for the first time (2010, 2011)
- The first back-to-back 800s (Matt Weggen of Muscatine, Iowa, in 2011)
- Different lane conditions for team and doubles/singles for the first time (2013)
- A record team score of 3,720 by Oklahoma's Artistic Expressions 1 (2014)
- The tying of the participation record of 71 years by Minnesota's Sylvester Thiel (2016)

Beyond that brief list, there are so many other noteworthy or personal accomplishments that probably could warrant a special Reno-only publication for fans, collectors and historians.

And, those are just things that happened ON the lanes during our record 13 trips to Reno.

For many, just being able to compete at the NBS, quickly

dubbed the Taj Mahal of Tenpins, has been special and memorable.

Beyond the revolving door (that's never used for some reason) into and out of the NBS, is an incredible landscape of deliciousness and convenience, offering bowlers endless entertainment, libations and an eclectic menu of food options, all without the need of a car.

For those who like to stretch their legs, the areas surrounding downtown Reno, continue to change, grow, diversify and modernize – constantly offering new things, from sporting events to outdoor entertainment to sophisticated cocktails to homegrown foods.

For those who are a little more adventurous or have more time, there are some nearby gems that also offer a look into the beauty and storied history of the Silver State – Carson City, Lake Tahoe and Virginia City.

If you are looking for suggestions for things to do or places to eat, ask the tournament staff. Many members of the team have worked at the event for multiple years and have relocated to the host cities, spending up to six months as part of the local community. Reno continues to be a favorite destination!

Reach out. Lean on them. Ask about what's good and what's new before you make your plans for the 2023 Open Championships, or once you get there.

Talk to the local staff members, too. They often know some of the hidden gems you'd be happy you experienced.

Follow the variety of social media groups dedicated to making sure everyone is in the know and ready to make the most of the OC and Reno experience next year.

The Open Championships is like no other event. The venues, especially the National Bowling Stadium, are magnificent. The camaraderie is unrivaled. The competition is intense. The prize opportunities are pretty good.

The opportunity is there for a life-changing experience or unforgettable memories. Again, it's about going in with an open mind, being prepared, being flexible and making the most of the experience.

Don't forget, team practice sessions, the Bowlers Journal Championships and The Forty Frame Game always are a fun part of the Open Championships experience, so plan some extra time to enjoy those side events, too. Who knows, maybe that's where the big payday will come from and pay for the whole trip!

The 2023 Open Championships will run for 128 consecutive days from March 11-July 16. July 15 will be the final day of team competition.

Be sure to go to [BOWL.com/OpenChamp](https://www.bowl.com/openchamps) for complete coverage of the 2022 tournament and for more information about 2023.

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Competing in the USBC Open Championships each year is about more than just bowling nine games with your eye on the coveted Eagle trophies, and having a solid game plan off the tournament lanes can be just as important as what you do once you're at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

Other events and opportunities have become part of the championship landscape over the years, and they're in place to help you get loose, finalize your strategy for the Open Championships and maybe grab a little extra prize money while you're in town.

The Bowlers Journal Championships, along with team practice sessions, again are available for that extra shot at the spotlight or to give bowlers a look at the two oil patterns being used for the Open Championships.

Even better, they've returned from a one-year move across town, and they're just steps away at the South Point Bowling Center, where they also were held in 2017 and 2019.

Both exciting options are available from March 11-July 17. The 2022 Open Championships is running from March 12-July 18.

Team sessions allow groups one hour of practice on the team-event oil pattern. A pair of freshly oiled lanes (for up to 10 people) is \$100.

In 2022, the Bowlers Journal Championships is celebrating a special milestone – it's 75th year alongside the Open Championships!

The event again includes skill- and age-based competition in singles and doubles, along with a variety of jackpots, as well as a first-hand look at the oil pattern being used for doubles/singles at the Open Championships.

There are eight squad times this year at the Bowlers Journal Championships, including a new late-night option for those who are too excited to sleep. Squad times are 7 a.m., 9:30 a.m., noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Please note, squads are subject to change, and not all squads are available each day, so please check the schedule ahead of time or register in advance at BOWL.com/OpenChamp.

The three-game format allows players to develop a game plan and simulate what competitors can expect in doubles and singles at the Open Championships. All squads at the Bowlers Journal in 2022 are being bowled on fresh oil.

The cost to enter the Bowlers Journal Championships is \$80 per event. Spots on each squad are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Signing up in advance is recommended. Everyone's first singles entry includes a one-year subscription to Bowlers Journal International magazine.

Reservations for both team practice and the Bowlers Journal Championships can be made in person or at BOWL.com/OpenChamp and are based on availability. Also note, the Instant Cash feature has been eliminated for 2022.

All USBC policies, procedures and protocols are consistent with those being used at the Open Championships. There also may be additional protocols prescribed by the venue operator.

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REACHING 70 YEARS

Glenn Allison of Corona, California, was just a teenager when he made his close-to-home debut at the USBC Open Championships, and more than seven decades later, he is one of the sport's most recognizable icons.

The four-time Open Championships titlist made his first tournament appearance at the 1947 event in Los Angeles, bowling in just the team event. His return to the championship lanes three years later marked the first time he'd compete outside of his home state of California.

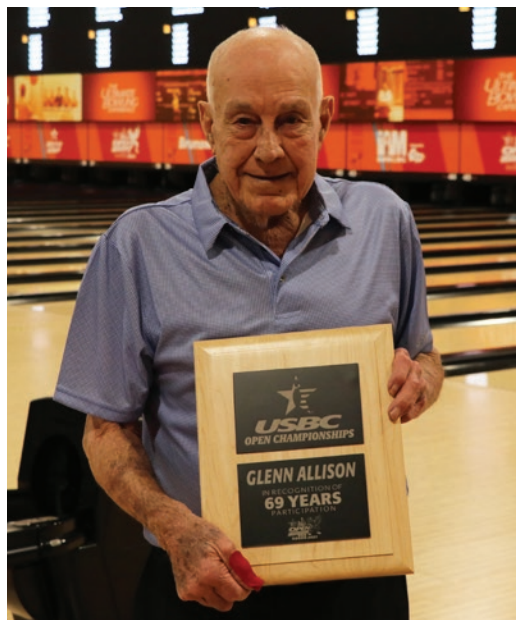
A USBC and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer, Allison has been to every Open Championships since 1954 and earned his way onto every important list and into every special club at the event.

He is one of 15 members of the 65-Year Club and one of 24 members of the 100,000-Pin Club. He enters the 2022 tournament third on the career pinfall list with 121,301, trailing only fellow USBC Hall of Famers Bill Lillard Sr. (124,087) and Joe Norris (123,770).

Allison will add his name to the event's most elite list this year when he makes his 70th appearance on the biggest stage in bowling. He'll be joining Norris, Bill Doehrman and Sylvester Thiel in the 70-Year Club.

All three went on to compete for a 71st time, which is the overall participation record at the Open Championships. Allison would tie that mark at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, where he celebrated 50 years (2001), 60 years (2011) and 65 years (2016).

Allison's titles at the Open Championships include Classic Doubles (1962), Classic Team (1964, 1966) and Classic Singles (1970).



GLENN ALLISON

HOMETOWN: CORONA, CALIF.

AGE: 91

FIRST OPEN: 1947 – LOS ANGELES

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 121,301

OPEN AVERAGE: 193.1



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REACHING 65 YEARS

Robert Teeters of Lapel, Indiana, has been an under-the-radar journeyman at the USBC Open Championships, quietly collecting some of the event's most prestigious prizes and climbing his way up the event's participation and pinfall lists.

He is one of 29 bowlers to participate in 60 tournaments, and he is one of 24 members of the 100,000-Pin Club. He reached both milestones on the same weekend in 2016, taking the spotlight in consecutive days at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

This year at the South Point Bowling Plaza, Teeters adds his name to another special list at the Open Championships, as he competes for the 65th time. He'll become the 16th bowler in history to reach the milestone.

His tournament debut in 1955, which came in his home state of Indiana, was memorable for multiple reasons. First, he was just 12 years old. And, he bowled a 200 game.

Chasing down the tournament's most coveted milestones has been a long-term goal for Teeters, whose first target was the 50-year mark as a promise to his father.

Teeters' father, George, competed in the event 47 times from 1946-1995, and celebrating a half-century on the lanes was something the younger Teeters did in his honor. His 50th appearance came in Corpus Christi, Texas, in 2006.



ROBERT TEETERS

HOMETOWN: LAPEL, IND.

AGE: 79

FIRST OPEN: 1955 – FORT WAYNE, IND.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 105,821

OPEN AVERAGE: 183.7

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REACHING 60 YEARS

The 60-Year Club at the USBC Open Championships is getting three new members in 2022 – Gene Kirkham of Loves Park, Illinois, Bob Martin of San Antonio and Michael Schmid of Minneapolis.

The competitors all were part of the 50-Year Club Class of 2011 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, and will share the spotlight again this year in Las Vegas.

Through 2021, only 29 bowlers in tournament history have celebrated six decades of participation.

Kirkham was the first to appear on the tournament lanes, making his debut at the 1950 event in Columbus, Ohio. Schmid debuted in Detroit in 1961, and Martin dropped in a year later in Des Moines, Iowa.

Kirkham is proud to have shared the tournament lanes at least once with three of his four sons, and he may be responsible for many other participants, whom he influenced while spending nearly a decade introducing bowling to students at the University of Illinois.

From 1997-2000, Kirkham was on-site at the Open Championships telling the stories of other bowlers as a member of the public relations team.

Schmid is no stranger to the spotlight at South Point, which he found in 2019 when he became the 23rd member of the tournament's 100,000-Pin Club.

Also among the career highlights for the longtime pro shop owner are a tie for second place in Regular All-Events in 1970, a spot on Team USA (1971) and a 298 game in singles in 2011 during his 50th appearance.

Martin has spent a lifetime in bowling, not only as a competitor, but also as an administrator and running a bowling center.

He managed a center for the U.S. Army and spent more than four decades serving his local and state bowling associations.

The 100,000-Pin Club at the Open Championships also has a couple of bowlers within striking distance.

Clancy Mueller of St. Charles, Missouri, is looking to see his name in headlines for the second consecutive year. He was one of two bowlers to join the 60-Year Club in 2021, and he enters the 2022 tournament 845 pins shy of 100,000.

Bob Brissette of Petersburg, Michigan, has competed in 57 tournaments, averaging 191, and enters the 2022 Open Championships needing 1,691 pins to reach the pinfall milestone.

Bowlers scheduled to reach the 60-year participation mark in 2022:



GENE
KIRKHAM

HOMETOWN: Loves Park, Ill.

AGE: 89

FIRST OPEN: 1950 – Columbus, Ohio

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 89,686

OPEN AVERAGE: 173.8

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

My first one in 1950, at age 17.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Reno, Nevada. I worked in public relations, and people were very friendly and welcoming to the bowlers.

WHAT DOES REACHING 60 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Always looked forward to each one, and it means a lot to see old friends, along with having my sons here to watch and bowl with me.



BOB
MARTIN

HOMETOWN: San Antonio

AGE: 87

FIRST OPEN: 1962 – Des Moines, Iowa

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 95,905

OPEN AVERAGE: 180.6

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

I like them all.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Las Vegas

WHAT DOES REACHING 60 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Not sure yet.



MICHAEL
SCHMID

HOMETOWN: Minneapolis

AGE: 80

FIRST OPEN: 1961 – Detroit

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 101,966

OPEN AVERAGE: 190.9

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

I led all-events for three weeks in 1970 and finished tied for second place. I was able to represent the United States in the Lee Evans Tournament of Americas in 1970. I also had the chance to qualify for Team USA in 1971, and I made it.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY: Reno. I have good memories of the tournaments there.

WHAT DOES REACHING 60 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

This is something you don't even dream about.



REACHING 50 YEARS

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Everyone has a reason for making the annual journey to the USBC Open Championships. Some are there for the championship glory and the chance to win prize money, while others simply go for vacation and to spend time with fellow bowlers.

A small group of bowlers can boast of making the journey for more than five decades. Through 117 years of Open Championships history, 282 bowlers have joined the elite 50-Year Club.

The following bowlers are scheduled to reach the milestone this year at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas:

SKIPPER
ARSENAULT



HOMETOWN: Port Arthur, Texas

AGE: 75

FIRST OPEN: 1970 – Knoxville, Tenn.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 81,932

OPEN AVERAGE: 193.6

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

In Reno (Nevada) in 1984, I placed second in the team event.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

I enjoy Reno because it is less crowded and has friendly people. Plus, there are a lot of other things to do.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

When I got to 40, I almost stopped, but my wife said to try for 50. So, here we are. Time passes so fast.

ROBERT
BENJAMIN



HOMETOWN: Downers Grove, Ill.

AGE: 74

FIRST OPEN: 1969 – Madison, Wis.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 76,544

OPEN AVERAGE: 173.5

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

My first one in Madison.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Reno (Nevada) is my favorite host city. There are great, friendly people, and you can walk to everything.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It means everything to me. Now that I have reached 50 years, my ultimate goal is 100,000 pins.

JOSEPH
BLOEDORN



HOMETOWN: La Crosse, Wis.

AGE: 75

FIRST OPEN: 1965 – St. Paul, Minn.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 78,630

OPEN AVERAGE: 180.7

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

My second tournament (1968), bowling with old friend, Roger Wiemer, who is in the USBC Hall of Fame, and bowling on the same pair as the past USBC Masters champion, Lou Scalia.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Madison, Wisconsin (1969). It was close, but I also don't think I ever had a bad experience at any tournament site. It was fun traveling to all the different places.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It makes me happy that I was given the opportunity to be able to make 50 years.

BILL
BONOW



HOMETOWN: Winona, Minn.

AGE: 73

FIRST OPEN: 1971 – Detroit

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 82,034

OPEN AVERAGE: 186

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

1995 in Reno, Nevada, because it was the first year my son, Seth, bowled doubles with me in the national tournament.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 2000 because the whole family was there to watch me bowl, and we were able to enjoy a family vacation.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

That I am still physically able to bowl and enjoy the game, while bowling with a great bunch of guys. Hopefully, I can still compete when my grandson, Gunner, can bowl with me. I may not be able to beat him, just like my son kicks my "you know what," but just to be able to bowl with them, along with my wife, Kris, would be special.

EDWIN
DUER



HOMETOWN: New Port Richey, Fla.

AGE: 87

FIRST OPEN: 1967 – Miami

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 81,507

OPEN AVERAGE: 187.3

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

Traveling to different places over the years. Going to my first bowling championship, which was held in Miami. Seeing the scorer (manual) placing my first seven strikes on the scoreboard with the cards. My average was only 150 then (1967).

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Mobile, Alabama, because it was closer to home.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It's a milestone I never thought I could achieve.

FRAN
ENGRO



HOMETOWN: Phoenixville, Pa.

AGE: 71

FIRST OPEN: 1971 – Detroit

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 82,600

OPEN AVERAGE: 187.3

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

In Huntsville, Alabama, in 1997, I bowled my highest all-events total – 1,940. I also enjoyed my first time bowling at the National Bowling Stadium in 1995. That year, I bowled a 700 series in the team event. In recent years, I've enjoyed being able to bowl with my son and friends.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Probably Huntsville because my dad came to watch me and my brothers. I also enjoyed Tampa and Jacksonville (Florida) when I was able to take my wife and kids for a vacation.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Wow, I can't believe it. I have many memories from bowling in different cities and competing with my family and friends against many good bowlers. Thanks, ABC/USBC.



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REACHING 50 YEARS

BILL FISHER



HOMETOWN: Brodhead, Wis.

AGE: 77

FIRST OPEN: 1970 – Knoxville, Tenn.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 74,576

OPEN AVERAGE: 169.1

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:
All 49 of them.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:
Long Beach, California (1972)

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:
I lived this long.

LARRY FULTON



HOMETOWN: University Place, Wash.

AGE: 79

FIRST OPEN: 1966 – Rochester, N.Y.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 83,994

OPEN AVERAGE: 190.4

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:
There are three. First was finishing fifth in doubles in Reno in 1977. Second was finishing seventh in team in Dayton (or Indianapolis). I can't remember which city. Finally, shooting 1,927 for all-events in Albuquerque in 2000.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:
I went to Niagara Falls (New York) twice and really enjoyed the city. And, I got to see one of the wonders of the world.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:
When I bowled my first ABC Tournament in 1966 in Rochester, I never dreamed I might bowl in the tournament for 50 years. I saw so much of the country I never would have seen if it weren't for traveling around with the tournament. It has been a long journey, and I look forward to the end.

JOE GREER



HOMETOWN: Muncie, Ind.

AGE: 75

FIRST OPEN: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 59,461

OPEN AVERAGE: 167.9

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:
1977 in Reno, Nevada. I was bowling with a fractured ankle.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:
Reno is very noteworthy for me. Our trip there in 1977 came the same year my wife, Sandy, and I were married. It was a great trip, then we got married in November, and we're still together. Niagara Falls (New York) also is special because it was my first time there, and it gave me a chance to see something new.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:
I lived this long!!!

JOHN JAMES



HOMETOWN: Waukesha, Wis.

AGE: 80

FIRST OPEN: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 79,159

OPEN AVERAGE: 179.4

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:
In 1997, we bowled in Huntsville, Alabama, and we had to dodge tornados all day. I still bowled one of my best scores (1,841).

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:
In 1999, we bowled in Syracuse, New York, with a bunch of high-average bowlers, and I bowled 1,877, beating all but one, and he had to shoot in the 260s in the last game to beat me.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:
Reaching 50 tournaments in a row means I lived into my 80s. I started bowling in the national tournament late in life at 30 years old.

JOHN KING JR.



HOMETOWN: Chicago

AGE: 70

FIRST OPEN: 1970 – Knoxville, Tenn.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 81,624

OPEN AVERAGE: 185

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:
My first USBC Open Championships in Knoxville in 1970. I had 561 team and 561 doubles. In singles, one of my teammates said I needed nine all day for a 561 triplicate. I didn't. I struck out for 582 and cashed in singles and all-events.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:
Las Vegas, because there is much to do, like gaming, shows and food.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:
It is very special to me. Having great teammates in Ron, Mark, Steve, Cary and my son, Jack. Bowling is one of my passions, and I will return if my health allows it.

LAWRENCE KUBIAK



HOMETOWN: Daytona Beach, Fla.

AGE: 77

FIRST OPEN: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 74,229

OPEN AVERAGE: 171.8

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:
In 1989, at the tournament in Wichita, Kansas, I bowled a 299 game in singles.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:
Las Vegas. If you're looking for more than just bowling, this is the town.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:
Getting to bowl with people from all over the country and seeing friends year after year at the tournament.

REACHING 50 YEARS



HOMETOWN: Dryden, Mich.

AGE: 80

FIRST OPEN: 1970 – Knoxville, Tenn.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 71,514

OPEN AVERAGE: 169.1

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

It's hard to choose just one favorite memory or city (below), since so many have been special for different reasons. The first tournament I bowled in stands out because of the overall experience of such a prestigious event.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Many, because the tournament has taken us to a lot of cities and states we never would've visited otherwise.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

We all have goals to work toward. After reaching 44 consecutive appearances (2014), I looked forward to 50 consecutive. Unfortunately, I was in the hospital ICU when my teams bowled in 2015. I'm proud to reach the benchmark of 50 years, with missing only one.



HOMETOWN: Rosholt, S.D.

AGE: 75

FIRST OPEN: 1971 – Detroit

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 79,360

OPEN AVERAGE: 184.9

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

My first one in 1971.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Billings, Montana

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It's a great accomplishment.



HOMETOWN: Fort Lee, N.J.

AGE: 74

FIRST OPEN: 1969 – Madison, Wis.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 77,624

OPEN AVERAGE: 176

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

Approaching 50 years of participation.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Las Vegas. Lots of things to do and great lanes.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It is a wonderful accomplishment, and it keeps me young.



HOMETOWN: Placerville, Calif.

AGE: 74

FIRST OPEN: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 73,639

OPEN AVERAGE: 172.8

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

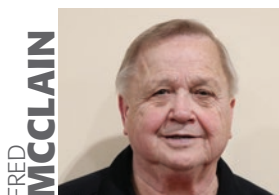
Nothing stands above the rest.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Las Vegas, because of the venue, energy and crowd.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Hard work and good luck.



HOMETOWN: Allen Park, Mich.

AGE: 74

FIRST OPEN: 1971 – Detroit

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 86,280

OPEN AVERAGE: 198.3

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

There are many. First, winning Team All-Events (1987). Second, bowling with Buzz Fazio in my second tournament. Third, bowling in Corpus Christi (Texas) in 1992 and bowling a 708 team, but falling down and not being able to bowl doubles and singles.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Las Vegas

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Retirement



HOMETOWN: Elizabeth, N.J.

AGE: 81

FIRST OPEN: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 82,390

OPEN AVERAGE: 186.8

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

In my 25th USBC Open Championships in 1996 (Salt Lake City), I shot 2,018.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Salt Lake City

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

I'm not yet sure.

REACHING 50 YEARS



HOMETOWN: Hixson, Tenn.

AGE: 80

FIRST OPEN: 1968 – Cincinnati

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 77,051

OPEN AVERAGE: 182.1

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

My first Nationals in Cincinnati.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Las Vegas, because there is a lot of scenery, and it is a town in itself.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Doing the sport I love and meeting new friends.



HOMETOWN: Fort Worth, Texas

AGE: 71

FIRST OPEN: 1968 – Cincinnati

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 83,979

OPEN AVERAGE: 190.4

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

My first. I shot the then-high doubles game with Bob Chamberlain Sr.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Reno, Nevada. Many good times and good scoring.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It is very important to me. It just is.



HOMETOWN: Chardon, Ohio

AGE: 70

FIRST OPEN: 1971 – Detroit

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 83,856

OPEN AVERAGE: 190.1

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

In 2011, at age 60, I bowled my highest USBC Open Championships all-events total of 2,003.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Reno (Nevada). There are friendly people, plus I won some good money in the casino.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Meeting a lifetime goal.



HOMETOWN: Martinez, Calif.

AGE: 70

FIRST OPEN: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 83,615

OPEN AVERAGE: 189.6

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

Undecided

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Corpus Christi, Texas. That is where I bowled my best all-events score of 2,002 in 1992.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Life.



HOMETOWN: Wernersville, Pa.

AGE: 78

FIRST OPEN: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 70,315

OPEN AVERAGE: 159.4

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

All of them. I've enjoyed going to all the different cities and spending vacation time with family and friends. I remember Billings, Montana, and making it a quick trip, before rushing home for my oldest daughter's college graduation. Also, Las Vegas (1986) because we took a raft ride on the Colorado River below Hoover Dam. Plus, in Jacksonville, Florida in 1988, I got to go to the Kennedy Space Center with my daughters and then visit Disney World.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Too many to pick. My first tournament in Long Beach (1972) was my first trip to the West Coast. I saw several stars and visited Disneyland. On my way home, I stopped in Las Vegas. Indianapolis in 1974 was special, too. I was stationed there with the Army in the mid-1960s and visited friends and, of course, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (I saw two 500 races while stationed there). Years later, I returned to watch all the F1 races held there.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

I tried to keep my consecutive participation in the tournament, and now I have reached 50 consecutive. It has been good fun with my friends and traveling to all the cities.



HOMETOWN: Salem, Ohio

AGE: 73

FIRST OPEN: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 76,695

OPEN AVERAGE: 173.9

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

First, there was Reno (Nevada) in 1984. Don Johnson's team was our companion team. Second was Baton Rouge in 2005. In the eighth frame of the third game of our team event, I chopped the 6 pin off the 6-10 and ended up with 29 out of 30 clean. Finally, in Baton Rouge in 2012, I bowled the first seven or eight in a row in my team's third game.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

They are all great, and I really enjoyed all the different cities and venues. I like the Fairgrounds in Tampa (Florida) and the Cow Palace in Billings (Montana).

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

That I made it! I appreciate all the great bowlers I've bowled with and against over the years in the tournament and leagues.

REACHING 50 YEARS

TIMOTHY SHANABROOK



HOMETOWN: Hanover, Pa.

AGE: 76

FIRST OPEN: 1965 – St. Paul, Minn.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 84,224

OPEN AVERAGE: 190.9

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

The first Reno (Nevada) tournament in 1977. I didn't bowl very well, but I had a lot of fun doing it. It was my first time to visit a casino. I also was visited by many family members from Northern California.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Las Vegas and Reno. Great accommodations, food and entertainment.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

This is obviously quite an accomplishment. I feel very fortunate for the health and the means to make this possible. I've had a great group of teammates to make this event very special. Finally, I'm very blessed to have such an understanding wife.

MICHAEL SHENESKY



HOMETOWN: Zelenople, Pa.

AGE: 75

FIRST OPEN: 1966 – Rochester, N.Y.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 83,849

OPEN AVERAGE: 190.1

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

There are numerous memories after 50 years of tournaments, but two stand out. In Rochester in 1966, the anticipation, the walk down Center Aisle, the Squad Room presentations, the manual scoreboards and the pageantry at the tournament all were exciting – and still are. The other happened in Knoxville (Tennessee) in 1970, but all I can say about it is that "whatever happens in Knoxville, stays in Knoxville."

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Albuquerque in 2000 and 2008, with Reno (Nevada) as a close second. Also, Billings (Montana) in 2002, because we turned it into a three-week road trip visiting the sights along the way.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It means I will be joining a very select group of bowlers who have persevered over decades, making sacrifices, overcoming travel difficulties, conquering other obstacles and being lucky enough to avoid the ravages of time in pursuit of a goal doing something they love.

When you think of the hundreds of thousands of bowlers who pursue this goal and don't achieve it, it gives me a sense of personal pride to be able to say I did it. Now, on to 100,000 pins.

NEIL SINCLAIR



HOMETOWN: Sarnia, Ontario, Canada

AGE: 73

FIRST OPEN: 1970 – Knoxville, Tenn.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 81,139

OPEN AVERAGE: 184

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

All the Open Championships have been special, whether I bowled good or bad. Each one has its own special memories, like meeting nice people, seeing the country, etc.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Baton Rouge (Louisiana), because I like the area.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It's special to me in that I have been able to participate over a long period of time with reasonably good health.

TONY SPIGARELLI



HOMETOWN: Edgerton, Wis.

AGE: 71

FIRST OPEN: 1970 – Knoxville, Tenn.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 80,375

OPEN AVERAGE: 182.2

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

It was 2002 in Billings, Montana. That was the first year my second son started bowling the USBC tournament, and it was the last for my dad, who passed away a few months later. He ended with 46 tournaments, giving a total of 139 years for our family.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

I like Reno (Nevada) and Las Vegas, but Reno is my favorite because it is not as crazy as Vegas can be. Plus, I like the National Bowling Stadium and walking out down the center of the lanes.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

Fifty years is a big deal for me. It means my health isn't too bad, plus having both my sons for the last 20-plus years makes coming much more enjoyable.

ROBERT VIDRA



HOMETOWN: Oak Lawn, Ill.

AGE: 83

FIRST OPEN: 1972 – Long Beach, Calif.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 78,313

OPEN AVERAGE: 177.5

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

My brother Len and I finished in fourth place in doubles. I bowled 26 consecutive years with him and nephew, Scott. I love the camaraderie with family and friends.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

St. Louis in 1978. That's where we were fourth in doubles.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

I am thankful my health has allowed me this opportunity. I recently lost my brother, and he didn't get to achieve this milestone.

LARRY WILLEMS



HOMETOWN: Kenosha, Wis.

AGE: 79

FIRST OPEN: 1966 – Rochester, N.Y.

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 82,819

OPEN AVERAGE: 187.8

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

In Madison, Wisconsin, in 1969, I finished in the top 20 in doubles and top 25 in all-events.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Las Vegas. Even if you bowl badly, there's always gambling.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

It's a great accomplishment to still be able to bowl in your later years.

REACHING 50 YEARS



HOMETOWN: Huntingtown, Md.

AGE: 84

FIRST OPEN: 1961 – Detroit

OPEN PINFALL TOTAL: 72,006

OPEN AVERAGE: 165.5

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORY:

My 49th will always stand out because I rolled a 205 in the third game of team. I suffered a stroke six months before bowling in 2021, so to be there was awesome.

FAVORITE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY:

Corpus Christi, Texas, in 2006. It was my dad's 45th, and last tournament, at the age of 92.

WHAT DOES REACHING 50 YEARS MEAN TO YOU:

I am blessed to have been able to participate in such a wonderful sport with my family and friends. I have met wonderful people at all of these events – some famous, and some not, but every one of them was a great sport.



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