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2026 PWBA Hall of Fame Class

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On January 28th the PWBA announced the induction of three new members into the Hall of Fame. Kelly Kulick, Cara Honeychurch and Leila Wagner will be inducted on May 13th, 2026 at the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino. The event will be an opening to the 2026 USBC Queens Tournament.

Kelly Kulick was the 2001 PWBA Rookie of the Year. Kulick would make the show at the 2001 USBC Queens along with Leanne Hulsenberg, Wendy Macpherson, Michelle Feldman and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard. Kulick would win a total of five majors capturing two Queens titles and three US Womens Open Titles. She would become the first woman to win a PBA Tour title in 2010 Tournament of Champions by defeating Chris Barnes 265 to 195.

Cara Honeychurch was a bowler from Australia she would dominate on the PWBA Tour in the latter half of the tour. Honeychurch won a total of eight PWBA Tour titles including one major and was a consistent top 20 player. She was also CEO Ten-Pin bowling from 2010 to 2020.

Leila Wagner was the color commentator for PWBA Tour 1985 to 1997, previously known as the Ladies Professional Bowlers Tour (LPBT) which aired on ESPN, Prime Network and SportsChannel America. Wagner was a contender on the lanes winning two titles and making 23 television appearances.

For more information on the PWBA Hall of Fame log onto PWBA.com.

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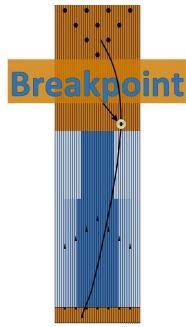


"The bowler is better than the ball."
Carolyn Dorin-Ballard.



L to R Kelly Kulick, Cara Honeychurch, Leila Wagner

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Breakpoint: PBA CEO Peter Murray

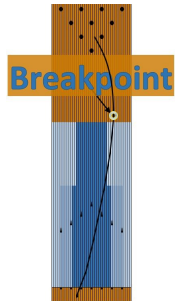
On January 28th the PBA announced that Peter Murray would be CEO of the PBA and Head of Media for Lucky Strike Entertainment. Murray will bring more media exposure to the PBA and more fan interaction at Lucky Strike bowling centers.

“Together with Lucky Strike and our partners we have an opportunity to grow the sport, elevate PBA and expand its footprint around the world” stated Peter Murray in a press release.

“We are entering a new chapter for both the PBA and Lucky Strike Entertainment,” said Thomas Shannon, Founder and CEO of Lucky Strike Entertainment. “Pete Murray brings visionary leadership and a deep understanding of how media, live experiences, and community intersect.”



Hopefully this will enhance the PBA to be able to get more tournaments and more prize money for the players and more overseas regional tournaments.



Breakpoint: 2026 PBA Product Registration

On January 10th, 2026, the PBA announced what companies registered their products on the PBA Tour. Some bowling enthusiasts might be surprised to see that Columbia 300 did not register this year. There are more jersey options that the PBA Tour players will be able to use for the 2026 PBA Tour season.

Accessories and Bags

Code Red Ball Cleaner
Genesis
JoPo
KR Strikeforce*
NEXUS
Turbo
VISE

*Bowlers can only use the company's accessories in PBA Regional Tour, PBA50 Tour and PBA Junior competition.

Footwear
3G Shoes (Storm)
Dexter
KR Strikeforce*

*Bowlers can only use the company's footwear in PBA Regional Tour, PBA50 Tour and PBA Junior competi-

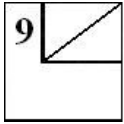
Bowling Balls

900 Global	Brunswick
DV8*	Ebonite*
Hammer	MOTIV
Radical*	Roto Grip
Storm	Track*

*Bowlers can use the company's products, but cannot display the company's logo on their jersey

Jerseys

Bowlifi
Coolwick
Devious Bowling
EFX
H5G
Kameleon
Rift
VIS
ZEALO



Spare Column: Team USA Trials & US Amateur Championship

Dawson Peterson would strike from 8th frame to the 11th frame to force Bryce Oliver to fill 20 in the tenth to win US Amateur Championship. There was a total of 175 men & 132 women competing for six spots to qualify for the USA Team. The entire field would compete with six games on five different patterns. They would get ranked on each pattern based on pinfall and they would receive a score based on their rank for the pattern. At the end of five days, the five patterns would be added together and the lowest would be declared the tournament leader. The top three amateurs or youth would then bowl in a Step-Ladder for the finals.

Team USA will be comprised of:

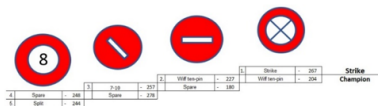
- The top four male and top four female finishers in the 2026 USBC Team USA Trials.
- Two men and two women will be selected from the other bowlers at the 2026 Team USA Trials by the National Selection Committee.
- The U.S. Amateur champions. If the champions have already earned a spot, or are not age eligible, it will be awarded to the next-highest qualifier based on ranking points.
- The remaining members will be selected by the National Selection Committee.



Bryce Oliver & Elisabeth Teuber 2026 US Amateur finalists

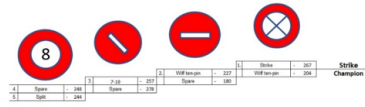
In the women’s division Elisabeth Teuber would be the first bowler to win the first US Amateur Championship and the first to win Team USA Trials. Teuber would defeat Kaitlyn Stull 215 to 210. Bryanna Cote would qualify third however since she is a pro the next amateur Avery Domaguin would be the finalist. In the opening match US Women’s Amateur finals the match would come down to the tenth frame

2026 US Amateur Finals Stepladder

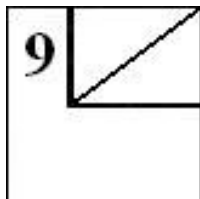


2026 US Amateur Finals Dawson Peterson <i>Champion</i>	
1. Bryce Oliver	210
Dawson Peterson	221
Championship Match	
2. Dawson Peterson	263
3. Julian Salinas	199
Match 1:	

2026 US Amateur Finals Stepladder



2026 US Amateur Finals Elizabth Teuber <i>Champion</i>	
1. Elizabeth Teuber	215
Kaitlyn Stull	210
Championship Match	
2. Kaitlyn Stull	189
3. Avery Domaguin	180
Match 1:	



Spare Column: Team USA Men's Trials/US Amateur Championship Continued

Day 1	Pins	Amount
Cameron Crowe	1494	\$500
Dawson Peterson	1477	\$350
Anthony Hornick	1443	\$200
David Cole	1437	\$100

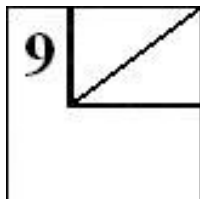
Day 2	Pins	Amount
Connor Ecker	1440	\$500
KC Campbell	1401	\$350
Ryan Powers	1420	\$200
Patrick Hanrahan	1415	\$100

Day 3	Pins	Amount
Luke Switalski	1413	\$500
Logan Beasley	1401	\$350
Cameron Crowe	1391	\$200
David Cole	1356	\$100

Day 4	Pins	Amount
Deo Benard	1554	\$500
Spencer Robrage	1468	\$350
Jacob Bookstie	1455	\$200
Derrick Lewandowski	1452	\$100

Day 5	Pins	Amount
Ryan Barnes	1313	\$500
Derrick Lewandowski	1296	\$350
Kaven Massey	1283	\$200
Matthew Mesecher	1279	\$100

2026 Team USA Trials- Men			Total	Total
Rank	Bowler	Class	Points	Pinfall
1	Bryce Oliver	Amateur	57	6795
2	Ryan Barnes	Pro	63	6779
3	Julian Salinas	Amateur	66	6743
4	Cameron Crowe	Pro	75	6838
5	Dawson Peterson	Youth	94	6703
6	Patrick Hanrahan	Pro	103	6633
7	Ryan Powers	Amateur	137	6549
8	Terrance(T.J.) Rock	Pro	159	6540
9	Landin Jordan	Youth	161	6510
10	Connor Rogus	Youth	169	6492
10	Jake Peters	Pro	169	6472
12	Darren Tang	Pro	173	6523
12	Jos Weems	Youth	173	6460
14	Daniel Springer	Youth	186	6451
14	AJ Johnson	Pro	186	6432
14	Andrew Anderson	Pro	186	6429
17	Jacob Bockstie	Youth	191	6553
17	Connor Breaman	Amateur	191	6417
19	Deo Benard	Pro	198	6634
20	Micah Voorhis	Youth	203	6423
21	Derrick Lewandowski	Youth	209	6517
22	Spencer Robarge	Pro	221	6506
23	Luke Switalski	Youth	227	6476
23	Keegan Alexander	Youth	227	6362
25	DeeRonn Booker	Pro	229	6405
26	Brandon Bonta	Pro	239	6350
27	Christopher Via	Pro	243	6366
28	Garrett Andrus	Youth	244	6345
29	Kristopher Prather	Pro	247	6324
30	Joshua Sachs	Youth	255	6320



Spare Column: Team USA Trials/US Amateur Women's Championship Continued

Day 1	Pins	Amount
Larielle Tharps	1460	\$500
Saphyre Nofuente	1451	\$350
Avery Domaguin	1409	\$200
Breanna Clemmer	1405	\$100
Day 2	Pins	Amount
Jordan Snodgrass	1406	\$500
Hope Gramly	1373	\$350
Kaylee Back	1359	\$200
Bryanna Cote	1353	\$100
Day 3	Pins	Amount
Kayla Sommer	1442	\$500
Keira Magsam	1398	\$350
Bryanna Cote	1392	\$200
Elizabeth Teuber	1382	\$100
Day 4	Pins	Amount
Gianna Brandolino	1441	\$500
Avery Domaguin	1430	\$350
Elizabeth Tueber	1415	\$200
Maggie Thoma	1401	\$100
Day 5	Pins	Amount
Victorya White	1290	\$500
Mckenzie Mattice	1259	\$350
Bryanna Cote	1248	\$200
Jordan Snodgrass	1242	\$100

2026 Team USA Trials- Women			Total	Total
Rank	Bowler	Class	Points	Pinfall
1	Elizabeth Teuber	Youth	47	6669
2	Kaitlyn Stull	Youth	62	6531
3	Bryanna Cote	Pro	71	6626
4	Avery Domaguin	Youth	72	6552
5	Gianna Brandolino	Youth	73	6524
6	Jordan Snodgrass	Pro	75	6487
7	Breanna Clemmer	Pro	77	6468
8	Maggie Thoma	Amateur	81	6467
9	Crystal Elliott	Pro	89	6356
10	Shannon Pluhowsky	Pro	99	6349
10	Abigail Starkey	Youth	105	6374
12	Kerla Magsam	Youth	107	6453
13	Annalise O Bryant	Amateur	108	6369
14	Sydney Brummett	Amateur	109	6387
15	Saphyre Noufuentes	Youth	111	6439
16	Hope Gramly	Pro	142	6285
17	Maranda Pattison	Pro	143	6299
18	Katelyn Abigania	Youth	147	6222
19	Lara Kurt	Amateur	150	6207
20	Ashley Rucker	Amateur	152	6216
20	Kirsten Moore	Amateur	152	6196
22	Julia Bond	Pro	164	6193
23	Victorya White	Youth	165	6250
24	Larielle Tharps	Youth	190	6243
25	Savannah Burgin	Youth	195	6090
26	Elizabeth Drescher	Amateur	197	6171
27	Kayla Sommer	Amateur	198	6328
28	Erin Klemencic	Youth	200	6108
29	Dannielle Henderson	Youth	202	6175
29	Caitlyn Johnson	Pro	202	6085

Tenth Frame Commentary: Chad Murphy State of Bowling Address

On the January 15th, Chad Murphy, USBC Executive Director, wrote about the 2025 state of bowling. Murphy sounded optimistic about the number of USBC members remaining steady although membership decreased by 1.6% over the previous season. The USBC Open Championships—both men and women—had more team entries than recent prior years. Here are some brief highlights from a very extensive report which is available on bowl.com

Open Championship Milestones:

Clinton Zavakos of Henderson, Nevada, reached 70 years, making him only the fifth bowler to achieve this feat. Marc McDowell became the oldest Eagle Champion at age 62 having shot a 795 series in the singles event. USBC Hall of Famer Jamie Brooks of Fairview, Texas, was honored for attaining 65 years of participation making him the 17th bowler to do so.

Women's Open Championship Milestones:

For the Women's Open Championships, there were three women who made their 50th tournament appearance: Joyce Dixon of Mesa, Arizona, Theresa Fellows of Bozeman, Montana, and Marilyn Smith of Prairieville, Louisiana. In the doubles event, Kayla Pashina of Otsego, Minnesota, bowled 836, the highest series in tournament history. Also, Sterner Strong 1 would win the team event as well as the Team All-Events title. They were the first team to accomplish this feat.

Champions of 2025:

Crystal Elliott and Ryan Barnes –Team USA Trials

C.J. Petrin and Katelyn Abigania– U.S Amateur Champions

Gary Haines– USBC Masters

EJ Tackett– US Open

New Hui Fen– U.S. Women's Open

Josie Barnes-USBC Queens Title

Liz Johnson– USBC Senior Title

Tom Daugherty– USBC Senior Masters

James Campbell– USBC Super Senior Classic

Brandon Bohn– U22 Masters

Aleesha Oden– U22 Queens



Chad Murphy would discuss what the USBC decided about the urethane rule in competition. The USBC looked at several aspects of urethane ball use when it comes to lane pattern integrity, competitive fairness, and athlete development. USBC adopted the following rules at national tournaments elimination of urethane ball use or use of balls manufactured at 78D hardness and above.

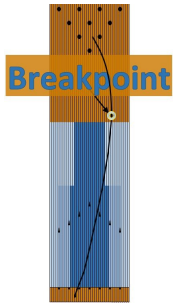
Tenth Frame Commentary: Chad Murphy State of Bowling Address Continued

The approved string pin setter list has grown to ten machines with overseas companies submitting their machines for approval. Scoring reports for string pin lanes have been published with the expected difference in scoring.

For bowling center certification around 3,400 centers with 73,000 lanes inspected. The inspection cycle will be going from once every three years to once every five years. Additional inspections will be done for centers where they have done major renovations.

The USBC has successfully completed two audits by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the US Center for SafeSport. These audits are necessary for the USBC to undergo for sending athletes to the PANAM games and Team USA competition on an international level. SafeSport certification allows us to have minor athletes in our competitions.

SMART-Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins has awarded 15 million dollars for 2025. This money goes towards helping young bowlers with their higher education costs. SMART Pell Grant Match awarded more than \$4 million in the past school year.



Breakpoint: Battle of the Brands

On January 23rd the PBA announced the return of the Battle of the Brands. This will run from the Tournament Players Championship to the Tournament of Champions. There will be a total of six teams competing for the Elias Cup Storm, Rotogrip, 900 Global, Brunswick, Hammer and Motiv. Each team will consist of up to ten players. Brands will have a mid season opportunity to trade players between March 29th through the 31st and add or drop a player. The brand managers are as follows:

Brunswick — Billy Orlikowski, Brunswick Director of Consumer Product Management

900 Global — Daria Pająk, Global Ambassador of 900 Global

Hammer — Buggy Kelly, Brunswick Director of Marketing

Motiv — Brett Spangler, MOTIV Tour Rep

Roto Grip — Chris Schlemer, Roto Grip Brand Manager

Storm — Tyler Jensen, President of Storm Products, Inc.

The Elite League regular season will consist of 14 title events with all five majors included. The PBA World Series of Bowling XVII, which includes four animal pattern championship rounds airing on CBS Sports Network and the PBA World Championship finals airing on CBS, will round out the PBA Elite League regular season.

Teams will be seeded for the stepladder finals at the championship finals held at Steel City Bowl. Teams will be required to throw only the brand of ball that the player is on. For example Bill O' Neil is on Hammer staff he can only use Hammer balls during the battle of the brand finals. He will not be able to use Ebonite, DV8, Radical and Brunswick. For more information fans can go to PBA.com.