

ALBERTA 5 PIN BOWLERS ASSOCIATION

Recognizing excellence and dedication to coaching in the sport of 5 Pin Bowling

**FRAN CLARKE "ELITE"
ALBERTA 2024/2025 COACH OF THE YEAR**

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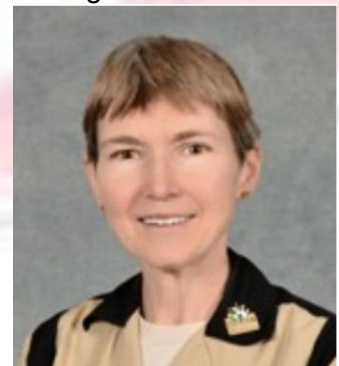
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The year 1989 was designated as "The Year of the Coach" by the Coaching Association of Canada and, as a participant in the National Coaching Certification Program, the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association participated.

In January of 1991, the award was renamed the "Ernie Roggie Coach of the Year Award" to honor the man who has spent a lifetime in the development of the technical programs for the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (C5PBA). Without the countless hours and hard work of this dedicated volunteer, our technical programs would be far behind those of other sports. A tribute to Ernie's commitment is the fact that 5 Pin Bowling has one of the largest numbers of certified coaches in any sport across Canada.

In 2018, the A5PBA award was then renamed the "Fran Clarke Coach of the Year Award" celebrating the person who contributed to every coaching program that the sport has 5 Pin Bowling that has ever created.



**The Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers Association
is very pleased to announce the recipient of the
Alberta 2024 / 25 Fran Clarke Elite Coach**

With over 30 years of dedicated involvement in the sport of bowling, He has become an influential figure whose commitment, skill, and leadership have shaped athletes at every level. For 22 years, he has been a Certified Community Sport Coach, guiding youth and new bowlers through the foundational stages of their development. In 2020, he further elevated his coaching credentials by becoming a Certified Competitive Coach, expanding his ability to lead high-performance athletes on the provincial and national stages.

His impact as a coach is evident in his outstanding record at the Open Championships. In 2023, he coached the Mixed team to an exceptional Silver Medal finish at Nationals, demonstrating strategic strength, team cohesion, and the ability to bring out peak performances under pressure. In 2025, he continued his upward trajectory by coaching the Ladies team to a Gold Medal at Provincials—an achievement he then repeated on the national stage by leading the same team to a National Gold Medal. This dual-gold season stands as a testament to his elite coaching capabilities and his ability to prepare athletes for success at the highest level.

What sets him apart is not only his technical knowledge, but the foundation it comes from. As a competitive player himself, he has earned gold medals and developed firsthand insight into the mental and physical demands of the sport. This dual perspective—athlete and coach—gives him a rare and invaluable understanding of performance, pressure, and competitive excellence. His players benefit from that experience every time they step on the lanes.

Beyond results and credentials, he is known for his passion, patience, and unwavering belief in his athletes. He brings a calm, supportive presence to every practice and competition, creating an environment where bowlers feel empowered, motivated, and confident. His commitment extends far beyond technique; he builds character, sportsmanship, resilience, and teamwork. Many athletes credit him not only for their success, but for helping them rediscover joy in the sport.

With a lifelong dedication to bowling, continuous pursuit of coaching excellence, and a proven ability to elevate athletes to championship performance, he exemplifies what it means to be an Elite Coach. His achievements, leadership, and deep passion for the sport make him an exceptional and deserving recipient for Elite Coach of the Year.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT OF
ALBERTA ELITE COACH OF THE YEAR!**

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