



## ALBERTA 5 PIN BOWLERS ASSOCIATION

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

**FRAN CLARKE "GRASSROOTS"  
ALBERTA 2024/25 COACH OF THE YEAR**

# SHANNON RODEN

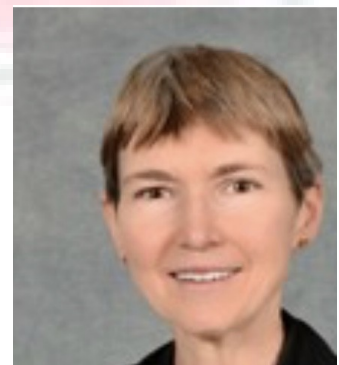
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The year 1989 was designated as "The Year of the Coach" by the Coaching Association of Canada and, as a participant in the National Coaching Certification Program, the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association participated.

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 1998, the program was changed to recognize the "Grass Roots" coach.

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 Grassroots Coach**

We are honouring an individual whose commitment to youth development has helped shape the future of 5 Pin Bowling in Alberta

For over 40 years, this coach has devoted countless hours to developing young athletes, guiding them not only in the technical aspects of the sport, but also in confidence, discipline, and sportsmanship. Their coaching philosophy is rooted in encouragement, patience, and a genuine belief in each athlete's potential.

Over the course of their coaching career, this individual has participated in over 20 Provincial Championships, achieving remarkable success along the way. Their athletes have captured three Provincial Gold medals and five Provincial Bronze medals, a reflection of both competitive excellence and consistent preparation.

Their impact has also extended beyond provincial borders, representing Alberta twice at the National level, coaching both team and singles competitors. In these environments, they have demonstrated calm leadership, thoughtful guidance, and a deep understanding of what it takes to support athletes competing at the highest levels of youth bowling.

What truly sets this coach apart is the lasting impression they leave on those they mentor. They create an environment where young bowlers feel supported, challenged, and inspired, whether they are stepping onto the lanes for the first time or competing for a championship. Parents, athletes, and fellow coaches alike speak to the positive influence this individual has had on their bowling journeys.

Today, we celebrate not just the medals and milestones, but the years of dedication, the countless practices, and the quiet moments of encouragement that often go unseen. Because of coaches like this, our sport continues to grow stronger, more inclusive, and full of opportunity.

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

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