

ALBERTA 5 PIN BOWLERS ASSOCIATION

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

**FRAN CLARKE "ELITE"
ALBERTA 2023/2024 COACH OF THE YEAR**

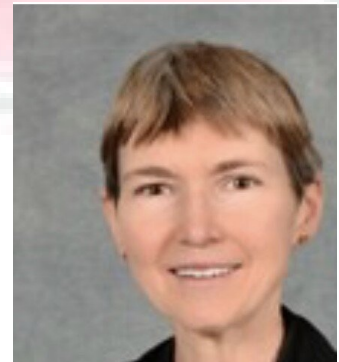
RYAN PASKO
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The year 1989 was designated as "The Year of the Coach" by the Coaching Association of Canada and, as a participant in the National Coaching Certification Program, the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association participated.

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 2023 / 24 Fran Clarke Elite Coach**

It is my absolute pleasure to introduce a dedicated athlete, mentor, and ambassador for the sport of 5 Pin Bowling.

For many years, he has been an integral member of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowling community, both as a competitor and as a volunteer. When he's not on the lanes himself, you'll find him giving back, coaching, mentoring, and ensuring the next generation of bowlers has the support they need to grow.

His coaching journey began not just as a way to better himself, but as a way to ensure that young bowlers, including his own children, had access to great coaching and a strong foundation in the sport. He took that commitment to his local center, where he has helped develop young talent, coaching numerous teams to the Provincial level while also competing in C5 tournaments and the MBAA program himself.

This past 2023-2024 season, his impact was felt across multiple championship events. He coached his team to a silver medal at the Provincial Youth Challenge, with one of his athletes earning a spot on the Alberta Youth National Team. In addition, he guided his Inter-Provincial Team to a National event.

But his influence didn't stop there, he was selected to coach the Alberta Masters Teaching Men's Team, leading them to a commendable fifth-place finish.

His dedication to 5 Pin Bowling goes beyond just wins and placements. He is a true ambassador for the sport, someone who not only understands the game but also understands people. He has an incredible ability to unify a group of athletes, fostering teamwork, resilience, and good sportsmanship no matter the challenges. His knowledge of the rules, his skill in developing each bowler's potential, and his passion for the sport continue to shape the bowling community in Alberta and beyond.

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

RYAN PASKO

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