

2025 Award Winners

2025 OSUSBC Hall Of Fame Superior Performance

Russ Nikolas

After more than five decades of dedication to the sport, Russ Nikolas has officially been inducted into the Oregon State USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance—a well-deserved honor for one of Oregon's most accomplished bowlers.

If you've spent any time around the lanes in Oregon, chances are you've heard Russ's name. He's been a fixture in leagues and tournaments for over 50 years, racking up an impressive list of achievements along the way. Russ has rolled 15 perfect 300 games, eight 800 series, and multiple 299 and 298 games. He's bowled in more than 15 State and City Championship tournaments, and helped his teams bring home eight State Team titles over the years.

One of his proudest moments came recently, in June 2025, when he and his teammates set a new Division 1 record at the OSUSBC Open Championship—a testament to the fact that he's still competing at a high level after all these years.

Russ was also the Portland Masters Champion in 1991, back when the event was one of the most competitive in the region. Whether bowling singles or anchoring a team, he's always brought focus, consistency, and a quiet confidence that's earned him the respect of bowlers across the state.

But it's not just about the scores. Russ's love for the game, his loyalty to his teams, and his ongoing commitment to the Oregon bowling community have made a lasting impression. His induction into the Hall of Fame isn't just a celebration of his accomplishments—it's a reflection of the legacy he's built, one frame at a time.

