

Hall of Fame

Date	Name	Description
2021	David Davies	This reflects David's enormous contribution both on the lanes and behind the scenes for TBNZ over a long period of time.
2023	Vic Potter	<p>Vic started his bowling career in London where he met his wife Lesley. He worked within BTBA running tournaments for them and was Tournament Director at the 1975 World Champs. They relocated to NZ in 1987 and was appointed as NZ Coach in 1988 where he took teams to the 1989 Asian Zone Youth in Hong Kong and 1990 Asian Zones in Jakarta. Vic coached the NZ team for Rachuig between 2002 and 2007.</p> <p>Vic's coaching spanned many years within NZ for Wellington and Tauranga NTC teams and for Lesley.</p>
2023	Lesley Potter	<p>Lesley was born in New Zealand and moved to London where she met Vic. She spent 40 years bowling all around the world. Lesley was a member of the GB team between 1971-1987 and was National Champion 1976 and 1977. She placed 3rd at the 1975 World Cup. In 1987 she relocated back to NZ where she had many titles and records over a number of years and represented NZ numerous times. A few highlights are being a three time National Champion in 1988, 1993 and 2000. She was also our NZ representative at the World Cup in 1988, 1990 and 1999.</p> <p>Lesley was a fierce competitor and made her opposition raise their game.</p>
2023	Shorty Madeley	<p>Shorty has given many decades of voluntary service to tenpin bowling, representing both Waitakere as their centre delegate in 1982, and TBNZ's predecessor the New Zealand Tenpin Bowling Congress (NBTBC).</p> <p>He then became a lane certifier, doing his first course with Ron Atkinson. Together with Peter Kelly, Shorty sanctioned centres in Invercargill, Dunedin, Timaru and all over the North Island.</p> <p>Shorty then became qualified as a tutor and educated many techs in subsequent years.</p> <p>Shorty also took responsibility for being New Zealand bowlings record keeper.</p> <p>Our sport is so fortunate to have had someone like Shorty put in that time for us all.</p>
2023	Raewyn Longman	<p>Raewyn was a two time National Champion in 1991 and 1994 and was a New Zealand Representative.</p> <p>She attended the 1998 World Cup in Japan. She was also heavily involved in TBNZ's predecessor, NBTBC on the executive committee.</p> <p>Raewyn was also committed to the furthering the youth of NZ and assisted with the New Zealand Youth Squad and took away several representative teams. She was also involved in promoting our sport within the Waikato region which is where she was based.</p>

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2024	Koia Shannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Started bowling around 1984 •New Zealand Representative at various international events such as Asian Zones, World Championships, World Cups and the only time bowling has featured in the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1998 •Three time National Champion, 1990,1992 & 1995 •Two time Bowling World Cup representative, 1993 South Africa, 1996 Ireland. She also qualified for the 2000 WC, however had to withdraw from the trip due to injury. •Manawatu representative for many years •Manawatu Youth Team coach, which included players still competing today such as myself, Carl, Craig and Paula •Multiple national based tournament champion •First NZ female to bowl a 300 game in 1995 at Hastings •Won the Gold medal in doubles with Roz Millet at the Commonwealth Invitation in Scotland •Won Open event against the men
2024	Mark Young	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mark started in the tenpin bowling industry in Australia at the age of 16 as a tech. •He was brought out by a NZer to start up a bowling centre in Tauranga. The job was only to be for 2 years so with a young family, he jumped at it. •He oversaw the entire fit-out in 1987 of an old warehouse which is now known as Tenpin Tauranga and went on to manage the centre for 5 years. Whilst at Tauranga he ran many very successful junior, adult & senior national tournaments. •In 1992 he moved to Auckland to manage Lincoln Road and then moved on to managing Tenpin Takapuna before becoming Operations manager for Takapuna, Petone & one other •From there he ventured out on his own starting up Westgate Tenpin in 1999 & then Wairau Tenpin & Whangaparaoa Tenpin over the next few years. •Over the years he was involved in the organisation of many popular national tournaments & sat on the NZTBC board and at one stage was the chair of the board. He was always striving to get tenpin bowling more publicity & for the sport to prosper & grow. •He was involved with the Asian Intercity tournament, both as a bowler & hosting & organising the tournament in Auckland during his time as manager of Takapuna. •Mark was appointed Manager of the first Tenpin bowling team to compete at the Commonwealth Games which were held in 1998 in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. •Mark competed at a high level within NZ & was passionate about people recognising that it was a sport & not just a leisure time activity. He was always organising learn-to-bowl classes with the hope of building on league numbers with the aim to grow the sport.

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2024	Dianne Robinson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Began bowling in 1980 in New Lynn •New Zealand Representative at Asian Zones & World Championships. •Three time National Champion, 1986, 1990 for Open and 2007 Senior. •Bowling World Cup representative, 1991 Beijing & 1997 Egypt. •Multiple centre based tournament champion. •Representative for regional teams with Auckland, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty and Canterbury •Various individual tournament successes including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Manukau Bowler of the Year 1990 and 1991 o South Pacific Classic winner 1987 o Winfield Classic winner in 1993 and 1995 •NZ representative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Numerous NZ representations at the likes of South Pacific Classic, Bowling World Cup, Coca Cola Classic, World Championships, Asian Zone Championships, Rachuig •Finished runner up at the Australian Master in Hobart 2006 and the NZ women's team finished in 2nd overall that year for Rachuig. •Part of the 2007 NZ Rachuig team in Melbourne where the team placed 3rd overall. •TBA Senior teams challenge Melbourne 2007 (ladies team winners, doubles winner with Lesley Potter)
2024	Lorraine Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NZTBC Secretary for 20 years. •Involved in organising multiple National Championships and Regional Teams Tournaments.

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2025	Craig Nevatt	<p>Craig began his bowling journey in Palmerston North in 1986.</p> <p>He went on to represent Manawatu at Youth level and later bowled for Manawatu, Wairau, Auckland, and Manukau at Open Inter-Regionals and the National Teams Championship.</p> <p>Has bowled 300 games at NTC and been in the All Star Team 11 times – 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012,2013, 2018, 2021</p> <p>Was Open National Champion 2011</p> <p>Represented NZ at Rachuig from the inception of our invitation in 2003. During that he had a number of notable achievements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •part of the winning Men’s 2010, 2011 and 2019 •and Overall titles 2011 and 2019 •300 game bowled in 2003 Rachuig •made All Star teams 2006 and 2010 •300 Rachuig games <p>On the world stage, Craig has worn the silver fern at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1998 World Youth Champs •2003 World Champs •2006,2008,2010 Mens World Champs •2002, 2012, 2015, 2024 Asian Zone Champs •Commonwealth Championships – 2006, 2011, 2013 and in 2006 medalled in the Doubles Bronze with Jason Waters •World Cup representative 2011 <p>Craig holds multiple national titles, four 300 games, and he has had a lasting impact off the lanes as well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •2009-2011 NZ Youth Squad Coach •NZTBC Central Area Representative •And as CEO of TBNZ for 8 years, later returning to serve on the board as both member and chairperson
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2025	Peter Kelly	<p>Peter began bowling in the early 1980s at New Lynn, before moving to Manukau. From early on, he was a dedicated contributor to the sport's administration, involved with both the Auckland Association and NZTBC..</p> <p>When Waitakere (now Pins) opened in 1986, Peter became the secretary of one of the first five-man team leagues – back when scoring was still done by hand. He also served as secretary for the Junior Jets for over a decade.</p> <p>Auckland was once a single team across all centres, but Peter was instrumental in achieving separate recognition for Waitakere, Manukau, and Takapuna in Inter-Regional events.</p> <p>Together with Shorty, Pete carried out lane measuring across New Zealand for over 20 years – a quiet but essential role in maintaining competitive standards.</p> <p>Peter was a part of the TBNZ's predecessor, NZTBC Board in excess of 5 years</p> <p>He took a number of junior and youth teams away overseas and gave our athletes the opportunity to be exposed to international competition. He attended a number of Asian School events, World Youth and travelled to the 2010 World Cup in France in support of his son, James.</p> <p>For many years when Peter could no longer bowl, you'd always find him down at the centre watching James bowl (busy calculating the results in his head!) and enjoying just being there.</p>
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2025	Steve Penney	<p>Steve started out in bowling as an owner of Panmure Superbowl. He began his team management there for the Auckland team until he purchased Pins in 2003 and then continued his involvement in the Waitakere Teams.</p> <p>Steve was involved in putting TBNZ together with Craig in 2004 after NZTBC went into liquidation. This was essential to keep the competitive aspect of our sport going.</p> <p>He set up the NZ Bowling Tour which ran for a few years and then put the NBT together after going to the first Rachuig in 2003. The teams he managed for Open Inter Regional and NTC team won eleven times and the youth NTC six times.</p> <p>In total he managed nine Rachuig teams - which included our first ever and then was manager of the overall team win in 2019. He has also managed several other Worlds and Asian Zones across open and senior.</p> <p>Steve has also represented NZ with his own sporting achievements and has been a part of the NZ team at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Australia National Seniors Challenge in 2015 and 2019 •World Senior Champs in 2017 and 2019 <p>Beyond competition, Steve has held administrative roles including as National Selector, National Squads Manager, Proprietor Representative on the Board and then in 2021 Steve was appointed CEO of Tenpin Bowling New Zealand where he served in this role until 2024. During his tenure, he was instrumental in the creation of the Katipo international team brand and the TBNZ18, TBNZ21 and TBNZ50 grade description changes and along with the Katipo18, Katipo21, Katipo and Katipo50 international team names.</p> <p>While many centres around the country leaned toward entertainment-focused models, Steve has always been an avid supporter of the competition and growth of bowling as a sport, along with his business aspirations.</p>
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2025	Pete Richardson	<p>Pete began bowling in 1987 at Henderson Superstrike and has since built a unique and exceptional legacy, becoming the first athlete to represent New Zealand at Youth, Adult, and Senior levels. His titles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1991 Youth National Champion •1995 Open National Champion under NZTBC, and again in 2008 •Senior National Champion in 2020, 2021, and 2023 •This makes Pete the first bowler to win national titles across all three divisions – youth, open, and senior. <p>NZ Rep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1991 - Asian Zone Youth Championships, Guam •1992 - Asian Zone Adult Championships, Perth, Australia •1995 - World Championships, Reno, USA •1998 - Malaysian Open, Kuala Lumpur •1998 - World Cup, Kobe Japan •1999 - World Cup, Las Vegas USA •2003 - World Championships, KL Malaysia •2008 - Rachuig, Canberra •2016 - Rachuig, Sydney •2019 - World Snr Championships, Las Vegas •2022 - TBA50, Melbourne •2023 - TBA50, Sunshine Coast <p>International:</p> <p>2023 TBA Classic Cup Champion</p> <p>2016 Classic Cup 3rd</p> <p>He has achieved six honour games, including one 300, four 299s, and a 298.</p> <p>Was part of the Senior Teams All Stars in 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024</p> <p>Has been a multiple winner for Waitakere at NTC and Senior teams</p> <p>In addition to his achievements on the lanes, Pete has been the TBNZ Tournament Manager since TBNZ was founded in 2004 – a role that has made him an integral part of nearly every major tournament.</p>
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