



THE QUBICAAMF WORLD CUP TURNS 50!!!

50th

When the 50th annual QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup is conducted Nov.

1-9, in Wroclaw, Poland, it

will be a far more robust affair than the inaugural event held in Dublin, Ireland, in 1965. For starters, consider the size of the field. Merely 20 men showed up for the 1965 debut. In vivid contrast, the 2014 edition will likely attract the best male and female bowlers from nearly 100 nations. (Women first entered the tournament in 1972.)

Ireland's first tenpin center, 12-lane Stillorgan Bowl, was the venue for Opus One. A half-century later, Poland's opulent, 24-lane Sky Bowling Center will be the host. The 2014 grand finals will be staged on specially constructed lanes in a public arena with ample spectator seating.

The two-year-old bowling center is a major component in Sky Tower, a multi-use complex which boasts the tallest edifice (more than 700 feet) in Poland. Two escalators up from the main floor, the tenpin lanes are adjacent to a gymnasium and luxurious spa. Even the name of the tournament has changed: first christened the International Masters, it was later re-branded the Bowling World Cup.

The format has evolved, too. Contestants at the first event navigated a three-day PBA-style test that included elements of the ancient and much-hated Petersen Point System. Today's contestants face a grueling week-long test that involves several rounds of total-pins qualifying and then a brutal series of head-to-head matches.

Wroclaw, one of the few cities to repeat as a Bowling World Cup host, was the site just two years ago. The 25th anniversary tournament celebrated with a return to Dublin. (Other repeaters: Singapore; Hermosillo, Mexico; Johannesburg, South Africa; Guadalajara, Mexico; Pattaya, Thailand; Copenhagen, Denmark; Caracas, Venezuela and London.)

It wasn't known at this writing if last year's champions, Caroline Lagrange of Canada and Or Aviram of Israel, or the 2012

winners, Singapore's Shayna Ng and Malaysia's Abdul Macek, will be on hand in Wroclaw. If it follows the pattern of past Bowling World Cups, however, the roster will probably include several past champs. Finland's Lauri Ajanto, the first champion, has since passed away, but many former Bowling World Cup titlists are still active on the global tenpin stage. The bowlers and their entourages will revel in the old-world charms of Wroclaw, Poland's fourth largest city (population: 700,000). More than 100 bridges cross the city's Odra River, leading to buildings that date back to the 1600s. Famed as a center of culture, Wroclaw boasts several universities, classical music venues and galleries.

Most of the competitors' adventures, on the lanes and off, will be recorded by the Bowling World Cup's longtime photographer, Hero Noda. The owner of a large bowling center near Tokyo, Noda and his state-of-the-art camera equipment have been a fixture at the tournament for 34 years. His photos adorn the Bowling World

Cup stories that appear every year in this and many other publications.

French journalist Bernard Mora holds the record for the most appearances in the Bowling World Cup pressroom. Beginning with the 1966 edition in Paris, he has covered 39 events. England's Judy Howlett, the current Bowling World Cup press chief, has notched about two dozen. London-based tournament director, Anne-Marie Board, has orchestrated the entire production for two decades.

It's likely that several contestants, officials, journalists and hangers-on from the last half century will venture to Wroclaw. Once experienced, it is really hard to get this tournament out of your blood.

The Bowling World Cup was created by AMF's European promotions director, Victor Kalman, a World War II United Press correspondent, and Gordon (Jock) Caie, AMF's promotions manager in the UK. The tournament was originally called the International Masters until 1969, when the current name was first adopted. The QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup has travelled around the globe—being held in a different country, on a different continent, each year. The following is a list of what we think were the top tournaments in its 49-year history. You can get the information on the remaining years by visiting our website at bowlersjournal.com.

—Mort Luby Jr.



The first champion, Lauri Ajanto, was from Helsinki, Finland.

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DUBLIN, IRELAND

1965

Ireland's only bowling center, 12-lane Stillorgan Bowl in Dublin, was selected to launch the International Masters with the male champions from just 20 nations. The U.S.'s Tom Hathaway, who was the American Bowling Congress all-events champion that year, was the favorite to win but was beaten by Lauri Ajanto, a dental technician from Helsinki, Finland. Ireland's representative, Frank Duffy, Stillorgan's mechanic and winner of the Irish national roll off, overslept the morning of the opening ceremony, and not only lost his position in the tournament to rival Des Murphy, but his job at Stillorgan!

WEMBLEY, ENGLAND

1966

The 1966 International Masters was staged on the grounds of world-famous Wembley Stadium. The location ignited tremendous media interest, with reporters checking in from countries as far apart as Hong Kong and Mexico. British Minister of Sport Dennis Howell, officially opened the tournament and U.S. pro Dick Weber gave one of his highly entertaining shot-making exhibitions.

24 nations were represented in 1966. Australian Joe Velo had just rolled the first-ever perfect game down under and was the darling of the press corps that year. But a 19-year-old American named John Wilcox, later elected to the American Bowling Congress's Hall of Fame, stole the show. Defending champion Lauri Ajanto finished 17th. As a fitting final touch, the late Bobby Moore, captain of the victorious English football team that won the FIFA World Cup in 1966, presented the Bowling World Cup trophy to the champion.

GUADALAJARA, MEXICO

1968

Fears that U.S. bowlers might dominate the International Masters dissipated when the tournament crossed the Atlantic for the first time and went to Guadalajara, Mexico. From a field of 35, Fritz Blum of West Germany came through to win the title.

TOKYO, JAPAN

1969

A record 35 countries took part in the 1969 tournament, now known as the Bowling World Cup. West Germany's Fritz Blum was back to defend his title, but he'd been in a terrible automobile accident back home and understandably bowed out early. The title went to Canada's Graydon "Blondie" Robinson, a 41-year-old sheet metal worker. The first staging of the tournament in Asia signalled to the world that bowling was truly an international sport.

HONG KONG

1971

The 1971 Bowling World Cup was held at Four Seas Bowling Center in the midst of Hong Kong's hubbub. The 21-year-old Roger Dalkin, a student at Georgia Tech with a rifle-shot delivery, won the event. Dalkin went on to influence



Roger Dalkin, USA, (centre) in the winners place on the podium at Hong Kong, after winning the World Cup. Benjamin Corona (Mexico) right, and Renato Reyes (Philippines) and Klaus Mueller (Germany) left.

Dalkin's victory led to a great deal of media coverage.

international bowling years later, when he was elected executive director of the world's largest bowling membership group, the American Bowling Congress.

HAMBURG, GERMANY

1972

The Hamburg Bowling World Cup, held at St. Pauli's Astrid Bowl, is best remembered as the year when women bowlers joined the men on the tournament lanes for the first time. 45-year-old civil servant Irma Urrea, from Mexico, was the first female winner and still holds the record for being the oldest champion.

On the men's side, defending champion Roger Dalkin was back, but failed to achieve the dominant form he displayed in Hong Kong. Canadian Ray Mitchell, a 40-year-old telephone company executive from Toronto, claimed the title. In addition to the Bowling World Cup's welcoming women for the first time, another noteworthy event happened at Hamburg. West Germany's Bernd Baule racked up the highest single-game score, with a 297 game in qualifying. The mark would stand for more than 20 years.

SINGAPORE

1973

The man who won the 1973 Bowling World Cup almost didn't make it into the country, much less the tournament finals. Britisher Bernie Caterer was detained upon his arrival at Singapore airport because his hair was too long. Eventually, Caterer and his hair were allowed to enter the country and he went on to become the first British bowler to win the Bowling World Cup. Kesinee Srivises of Thailand captured the women's division when she smothered Mele Anaya of Mexico, 569 to 495. The 1973 tournament was held at Jackie's Bowl, owned by Herbie Lim. Lim would become one of the most familiar faces on the Bowling World Cup scene, showing up at the host city with his

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wife, Doris, on one arm, and a bag of golf clubs on the other. Years earlier, Lim had escaped the Japanese when they invaded Singapore in World War II. He went on to become a resistance fighter and would later hobnob with famous Hollywood celebrities as the owner of one of Singapore's early theatres.

MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES

1975

The tenth anniversary of the Bowling World Cup was a genuine thriller, from the police escorts of media and players to and from the airport, to trying to wrap up tournament activity each night before the government-imposed martial law curfews. Host proprietor Popit Puyat, a member of the Philippine senate, even managed to arrange a visit for Bowling World Cup visitors with President Ferdinand Marcos.

It was a special occasion and another milestone in the event's colorful history. The athletes lived up to the expectations raised by the lavish receptions and media coverage. Canada's Cathy Townsend and Bermuda's Hattieanne Morrisette were slated to face off for the women's title, prompting Morrisette, a stunning black woman, to say, "This will be the chocolate-and-vanilla finals." "Vanilla" won, 540 to 509. And Lorenzo Monti became the first-ever Italian champion when he defeated Carlos Lovera of Venezuela, 561-544.

NEW YORK CITY

1981

No. 17 was held in New York City's Madison Square Garden, the most famous sports citadel in the world. Champion Bob Worrall, the U.S. men's representative, had actually witnessed the first Bowling World Cup in Dublin, his father, a chief warrant officer in the U.S. Army, having been stationed there at the time. The seven-year-old Worrall watched virtually every frame of the tournament, adopting Tom Hathaway as his personal favorite while becoming a bowling fanatic in the process.



Pauline Smith, New York, N.Y.

Pauline Smith's triumph in the women's division was the non-surprise of the year. She had just been named England's Bowler of the Year and was an established threat in every major international tournament. Seeded fourth, Smith climbed the stepladder and finally defeated Japan's Miyuki Motoi, 203-195, for the crown.

MEXICO CITY

1983

Jeanette Baker arrived to defend her title in Mexico City after what can only be described as an horrific year. Following her victory in Scheveningen, Baker took an office

job with AMF in Australia. The Australian Tenpin Bowling Congress took exception, saying that the paid employment with a bowling company made Baker a "professional." An appeal to the Federation Internationale des Quilleurs, bowling's international governing body, restored Baker's amateur status but not before she had missed out on the 1983 FIQ World Championships. She embarked on a furious training program, and her dedication was rewarded, as she became first person to win back-to-back Bowling World Cup championships — a record that lasted until 2011.

Yu-Tien Chu of Chinese Taipei became the first "helicopter" spinner (so named because of the unique twist delivered to the ball) to win a major global championship when he defeated Michael Chuah of Malaysia, 213-180.

DUBLIN, IRELAND

1989

Where else could the Silver Anniversary edition of the Bowling World Cup be held but at its birthplace? Stillorgan Bowl was much bigger now, thanks to the addition of more lanes and a big billiard parlor. The field was large, the talent deep and the celebrations intense. One of the livelier gatherings was at Whiskey Corner, which hosted the annual World Bowling Writers meeting.

The celebrations could not dull the brilliance of the athletes competing for this special title. Qatar's Salem Al-Monsuri became the second Persian Gulf bowler in a row to capture the title when he edged Sweden's Kenneth Andersson in the finale, 226-223.

Patty Ann, a former member of the U.S. women's pro tour who had reclaimed her amateur status, won the women's section in another heart-stopper when she defeated West Germany's intrepid Martina Beckel, 202-191. Ann clinched her dream with a convincing strike on her final delivery.

CAIRO, EGYPT

1997

The first Bowling World Cup staged in the Middle East was officially opened by Egypt's, president, Hosni Mubarak, and racked up other "firsts": the first perfect game in the Bowling World Cup by a woman (Malaysia's Shalin Zulkifli); and the first Bowling World Cup to feature an actor, Omar Sharif, as its Master of Ceremonies. It was also the first Bowling World Cup to attract contestants from more than 80 nations (83 actually) and, finally, the first Bowling World Cup in which the finals were staged outdoors. The setting for the finale could only be described as incredible. Two lanes were built about three feet off the desert floor, positioned so that the players faced the Great Pyramid of Giza and the Great Sphinx while bowling. Though a canopy provided some relief from the sun, the breeze constantly blew sand onto the synthetic surface. "It's the first time I've seen a brown track on a ball," said Israel's Len Charney.

Despite these formidable distractions, and the intense security presence necessitated by the Luxor tourist massacre that had occurred earlier that week, the bowlers performed admirably. Germany's Christian Nokel, bedecked in a baseball cap and sunglasses, beat Gery Verbruggen of Belgium, 212-178, and then edged Taiwanese "helicopter pilot" Yung-Nein Peng, 210-200, to win the



men's title. Korea's Lee Ji-Soon dropped Zulkifli in the women's opener, 203-190, but then lost the crown to Su-Fen Tseng, another spinner from Taipei, 236-225.

Egyptian Prime Minister Kamal El Ganzoury awarded the winners' trophies while a marching band in togas played triumphantly in the background.

KOBE, JAPAN

1998

The Bowling World Cup became part of the re-launch of the city after the devastation caused by the Greater Hanshin earthquake of 1995. Although there had been sensational opening ceremonies over the prior 33 years, nothing could match the show in Kobe. A long parade of floats, called danjiri, carried aloft by dozens of people, drifted between Kobe's gleaming



The tournament brought excitement to Kobe.

high rises. The people of Nada Ward, the neighborhood in which Grand Rokko Bowl resides, threw a huge outdoor "block party" to greet the bowlers. The Kobe Volunteer Fire Department belted out American march tunes. And AMF executive vice president, Bent Petersen, broke open a big barrel of sake with an over-sized mallet, the traditional way to start a Japanese party.

68 nations sent their best to Kobe, an impressive feat in view of the financial and monetary crisis that had so recently swept throughout Asia. When spinner Cheng-Ming Yang, the reigning FIQ World Masters champion, signed in, traditional shooters knew they had a battle on their hands.



The Tournament began by breaking out a barrel of Sake.

Sure enough, the 34-year-old Yang led throughout the tournament with a 214 average and then cruised to a 233-152 victory over Mexico's Mario Quintero. Maxine Nable, a 21-year-old medical office receptionist from Sydney, Australia, defeated defending champion Su-Fen Tseng of Taipei in a much more dramatic 235-231 showdown.

This was also the year that the Bowling World Cup bid a fond farewell to Bent Petersen, who retired after 34 years with AMF. Petersen joined the company in 1962 as a financial controller in Scandinavia, spent more than a decade in Japan, and wound up running AMF International from an office in England.

LISBON, PORTUGAL

2000

The 36th annual AMF Bowling World Cup welcomed a record 88 nations, including 11 making their first-ever Bowling World Cup appearance, to host center, Bowling Internacional de Lisboa.

Women's champion Mel Isaac of Wales, the No. 6 seed in the single-elimination phase, defeated Ann-Maree Putney of Australia and Kirsten Penny of England before overpowering Colombia's Clara Guerrero, two games to one, to win her first world championship. Tomas Leandersson, the men's No. 2 seed, erased the bitter memory of his runner-up finish to Germany's Rainer Puisis in the 1993 AMF Bowling World Cup by sweeping 1994 Bowling World Cup champion Tore Torgersen in the men's final round, two games to zip. Torgersen needed to double in the 10th frame of the second game to force a third and deciding game, but was able to strike only once.

SINGAPORE

2004

A record 95 countries — a record that still stands today — came to the Far Eastern city state of Singapore to celebrate the 40th Bowling World Cup. The men's final



was an all-Scandinavian affair, with Kai Virtanen of Finland overcoming Petter Hansen of Norway. Kai also became the first, and so far only, player to hit a perfect game in the TV finals when he hit the magic score in the quarter finals. The women's final was a repeat of the prior year, with Shannon Pluhowsky of the USA playing Kerrie Ryan-Ciach of Canada. Whoever won would become the third woman to win the title twice; Pluhowsky earned the distinction.

ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

2007

The historic capital of Russia, St. Petersburg was the venue for the 2007 Championship. Bowling World Cup visitors were treated to a chance to see some of the dazzling sights of the city, including the Winter Palace, museums and art galleries. The tournament took place in the 32-lane, state-of-the-art "Continent" bowling center, located in one of the biggest and newest shopping malls of St. Petersburg. Ann-Maree Putney of Australia beat Sun Hee Lee of Korea, and Bill Hoffman of the USA won the Bowling World Cup. Beaten finalist Jason Belmonte of Australia partly made up for his disappointment a few days later, as he got married the following Sunday. He had wanted to give his fiancée, Kimberly, the Bowling World Cup. It was the fourth year in a row that the USA won the Bowling World Cup, but for the last three years, it had been the women who finished on top.



Former president Lech Walesa.

WROCLAW, POLAND

2012

2012 saw Poland host the event for the first time. Marek Maciejewski, owner of Sky Bowling, together with his team, hosted a first-class tournament in Wroclaw. Special guest, former president of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Walesa, presented the winners with their trophies and made a memorable speech at the Victory Banquet, where he said "At first I didn't realize what Solidarity had in common with bowling, then it came to me — Strikes!"

Shayna Ng of Singapore and Syafiq Rhidwan Abdul Malek of Malaysia became 2012 champions after a stunning display in the stepladder finals. In the finals, Shayna beat Aumi Guerra of the Dominican Republic, who was trying to become the first bowler ever to claim the title three times in a row, while Syafiq beat Marshall Kent of the USA. He became the first Malaysian player ever to win the coveted title, despite Malaysia's impressive list of medals in our sport. ▼

THE 25-YEAR MAN

It is impossible to talk or write about the QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup without mentioning Irishman Bernard Gibbons, a stalwart of the event. This year he will celebrate his 25th year as Tournament Director. He is the only tournament official ever to have been chosen by the bowlers as Sportsman of the Tournament.



Bernard Gibbons

Gibbons has been involved with bowling for more years than he would care to admit. His wife, Patrice, is part of the famous bowling family, the Murphys, past owners of the Stillorgan Bowl, which hosted both the first and 25th editions of the Bowling World Cup. His son, Alan, has represented Ireland four times with a best finish of making the top eight in 2006. Bowling in Ireland without the Murphy family is unthinkable.

Gibbons himself is perhaps more a golfer than a bowler. He was a pro and is now a senior executive with the Powerscourt Group. He still takes every opportunity to hone his golfing skills.

Gibbons recalls some of his most memorable Bowling World Cup moments as "the pride of watching my son, Alan, bowl for the first time in the Bowling World Cup in Lisbon, Portugal, back in 2000. The first arena finals in France in 1992, we had so many supporters and the atmosphere was electric. But perhaps the most exciting and challenging was the year we did the outdoor finals in the Egyptian desert! We had to compete with the sun, heat and even the sand and we were all on tender hooks to whether we could pull it off or not — we need not have worried. It was truly spectacular!"

Anne-Marie Board said: "Bernard is an indispensable member of our team. What he doesn't know about running a tournament is not worth knowing. And he is such fun to be with! Ask anyone — we all love Bernard and really appreciate his input into the tournament." ▼



The first arena finals featured the Parade of Nations in its grand opening in Le Mans, France, 1992.



The bowlers take some time off to visit the Great Wall of China in 1991.

The Opening Ceremony at the Tour Royal, Toulon, France, 2010.



Canada's Jack Guay throws the first 300 in tournament history in 1994.



Norway's Tore Torgerson is the first to roll back-to-back perfect games.



Posing here with the championship trophies in 1989; champion Patty Ann, USA, and Salem Al-Monsouri, Qatar.

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FACTS, STATS AND THE "THIS AND THAT" OF THE QUBICAAMF BOWLING WORLD CUP

- ▼ Women did not compete in the Bowling World Cup until 1972 in Hamburg, Germany. The first woman to win a Bowling World Cup title was Irma Urrea of Mexico.
- ▼ 65 perfect games were shot by 54 men and 11 women throughout Bowling World Cup history.
- ▼ The United States has won the most Bowling World Cup titles with 17, with nine men and eight women's championships. Canada is second, with 10 titles, with four men and six women's championships.
- ▼ The individual who has won the most Bowling World Cup championships is Paeng Nepomuceno of the Philippines, with four.
- ▼ The oldest man to win the Bowling World Cup was Italy's Remo Fornasari (51), who won the 1987 event in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The oldest woman was Irma Urrea (45) of Mexico, who won the 1972 event in Hamburg, Germany.
- ▼ The youngest bowler, male or female, to win the Bowling World Cup was Gemma Burden of England (age 17, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 1995). The youngest male was Paeng Nepomuceno of the Philippines (age 19, Tehran, Iran, 1976).
- ▼ The 1994 women's champion, Anne Jacobs of South Africa, was the first athlete from her country to win an individual world championship following the dismantling of apartheid.
- ▼ The 1988 men's Bowling World Cup champion, Mohammed Al-Qubaisi of the United Arab Emirates, was the first athlete from his country to win a world championship of any sort, team or individual.
- ▼ Aida Granillo of El Salvador has made the most trips to the Bowling World Cup (17) of any competitor.
- ▼ More than 600,000 men and women attempt to qualify to represent their nations in the Bowling World Cup each year.
- ▼ The Bowling World Cup generates approximately 80,000 column inches of press coverage each year.
- ▼ 2011 champion, Jason Belmonte of Australia, rolled two perfect games.
- ▼ A record number of 16 perfect games were shot during the 2013 Bowling World Cup.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS, HIGH THREE-GAME SERIES

Men: 896 - Paul Trotter, Australia, 2002
Women: 803 - Aumi Guerra, Dominican Republic, 2011

QUALIFYING ROUNDS, HIGH FIVE-GAME BLOCK

Men: 1307 - Ahmed Shaheen, Qatar, 2002
Women: 1304 - Aumi Guerra, Dominican Republic, 2011

QUALIFYING ROUNDS, HIGH SIX-GAME BLOCK

Men: 1599 - Mats Maggi, Belgium, 2013
Women: 1531 - Lynda Barnes, USA, 2005

QUALIFYING ROUNDS, HIGH EIGHT-GAME BLOCK

Men: 2088 - Tommy Jones, USA, 2011
Women: 1944 - Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2004

QUALIFYING ROUNDS, HIGH AVERAGE, 32 GAMES

Men: 246.22 - Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2006
Women: 244.03 - Caroline Lagrange, Canada, 2013

FINALS - ARENA AND STEPLADDER HIGH GAMES

Men: 300 - Kai Virtanen, Finland, 2004
Women: 298 - Jasmine Yeong-Nathan, Singapore, 2008

ARENA "KNOCKOUT" HIGH SERIES

Men: 536 (two-game match) –
 Petter Hansen, Norway, 2004
 765 (three-game match) –
 Jason Belmonte (Australia) 2011
Women: 528 (two-game match) –
 Shannon Pluhowsky, USA, 2004
 738 (three-game match) –
 Shayna Ng (Singapore) 2012

MOST VICTORIES BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Men: 4 - Paeng Nepomuceno, Philippines
Women: 2 - Pauline (Smith) Buck, Great Britain;
 Jeanette Baker, Australia;
 Shannon Pluhowsky, USA;
 Aumi Guerra Dominican Republic;
 Caroline Lagrange, Canada

MOST APPEARANCES BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Men: 16 - Paeng Nepomuceno, Philippines
Women: 17 - Aida Granillo, El Salvador

MOST APPEARANCES IN FINALS, STEPLADDER AND ARENA

Men: 9 - Paeng Nepomuceno, Philippines
Women: 7 - Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia



PAST LOCATIONS AND CHAMPIONS OF THE QUBICAAMF WORLD CUP

YEAR	HOST CITY & COUNTRY	CHAMPION	COUNTRY	YEAR	HOST CITY & COUNTRY	CHAMPION	COUNTRY
1965	Dublin, Ireland	Lauri Ajanto	Finland	1991	Beijing, China	Jon Juneau	USA
1966	London, England	John Wilcox	USA			Asa Larsson	Sweden
1967	Paris, France	Jack Connaughton	USA	1992	Le Mans, France	Paeng Nepomuceno	Philippines
1968	Guadalajara, Mexico	Fritz Blum	W. Germany			Martina Beckel	Germany
1969	Tokyo, Japan	Graydon Robinson	Canada	1993	Johannesburg, S.A.	Rainer Puisis	Germany
1970	Copenhagen, Denmark	Klaus Muller	W. Germany			Pauline (Smith) Buck	Gr. Britain
1971	Hong Kong	Roger Dalkin	USA	1994	Hermosillo, Mexico	Tore Torgersen	Norway
1972	Hamburg, Germany	Ray Mitchell	Canada			Anne Jacobs	So. Africa
		Irma Urrea	Mexico	1995	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Patrick Healey Jr.	USA
1973	Singapore	Bernie Caterer	Gr. Britain			Gemma Burden	Gr. Britain
		Kesinee Srivises	Thailand	1996	Belfast, N. Ireland	Paeng Nepomuceno	Philippines
1974	Caracas, Venezuela	Jairo Ocampo	Colombia			Cara Honeychurch	Australia
		Birgitte Lund	Denmark	1997	Cairo, Egypt	Christian Nokel	Germany
1975	Manila, Philippines	Lorenzo Monti	Italy			Su-Fen Tseng	Chinese Taipei
		Cathy Townsend	Canada	1998	Kobe, Japan	Cheng-Ming Yang	Chinese Taipei
1976	Teheran, Iran	Paeng Nepomuceno	Philippines			Maxine Nable	Australia
		Lucy Giovenco	USA	1999	Las Vegas, USA	Ahmed Shaheen	Qatar
1977	London, England	Arne Stroem	Norway			Amanda Bradley	Australia
		Rea Rennox	Canada	2000	Lisbon, Portugal	Tomas Leandersson	Sweden
1978	Bogota, Colombia	Samran Banyan	Thailand			Mel Isaac	Wales
		Lita De La Rosa	Philippines	2001	Pattaya, Thailand	Kim Haugen	Norway
1979	Bangkok, Thailand	Philippe Dubois	France			Nachimi Itakura	Japan
		Bong Co	Philippines	2002	Riga, Latvia	Mika Luoto	Finland
1980	Jakarta, Indonesia	Paeng Nepomuceno	Philippines			Shannon Pluhowsky	USA
		Jean Gordon	Canada	2003	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	C.J. Suarez	Philippines
1981	New York, USA	Bob Worrall	USA			Kerrie Ryan-Ciach	Canada
		Pauline Smith	Gr. Britain	2004	Singapore	Kai Virtanen	Finland
1982	Scheveningen, N'lands	Arne Stroem	Norway			Shannon Pluhowsky	USA
		Jeanette Baker	Australia	2005	Ljubljana, Slovenia	Michael Schmidt	Canada
1983	Mexico City, Mexico	You-Tien Chu	Chinese Taipei			Lynda Barnes	USA
		Jeanette Baker	Australia	2006	Caracas, Venezuela	Osku Palmeraa	Finland
1984	Sydney, Australia	Jack Jurek	USA			Diandra Asbaty	USA
		Eliana Rigato	Italy	2007	St Petersburg, Russia	Bill Hoffman	USA
1985	Seoul, South Korea	Alfonso Rodriguez	Mexico			Ann-Maree Putney	Australia
		Marjorie Mcentee	Ireland	2008	Hermosillo, Mexico	Derek Eoff	USA
1986	Copenhagen, Denmark	Peter Ljung	Sweden			Jasmine Yeong-Nathan	Singapore
		Annette Hagre	Sweden	2009	Melaka, Malaysia	Choi Yong-Kyu	Korea
1987	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Remo Fornasari	Italy			Caroline Lagrange	Canada
		Irene Gronert	Netherlands	2010	Toulon, France	Michael Schmidt	Canada
1988	Guadalajara, Mexico	Mohammed Khalifa	UAE			Aumi Guerra	Dominican Republic
		Linda Kelly	USA	2011	Johannesburg, S.A.	Jason Belmonte	Australia
1989	Dublin, Ireland	Salem Al-Monsouri	Qatar			Aumi Guerra	Dominican Republic
		Patty Ann	USA	2012	Wroclaw, Poland	S.R. Abdul Malek	Malaysia
1990	Pattaya, Thailand	Tom Hahl	Finland			Shayna Ng	Singapore
		Linda Graham	USA	2013	Krasnoyarsk, Russia	Caroline Lagrange	Canada
						Or Aviram	Israel

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Over the last 49 years, the Bowling World Cup has trans versed the globe—being held in a different country around the world each year. And now in its 50th year the Bowling World Cup is headed back to Wroclaw, as the 1,000 year old City together with Sky Bowling will be hosting this most prestigious of all bowling events.

Stay up-to-date and follow all of this year's tournament action, LIVE—on Facebook, Twitter, Live Streaming or On-Line Scoring—the choice is yours! And be sure to share this with your friends and family back home so they can stay up-to-date too!



Live Streaming is Back!

Follow the entire Bowling World Cup event
LIVE on BowITV @

<http://www.youtube.com/user/BowlTV>.

We'll cover a pair of lanes showcasing all bowlers as they move across the lanes and have live commentary throughout the tournament—including interviews with bowlers and coaches.



Live, On-Line Scoring

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