

Brian Kuykendall

Bowling

Brian Kuykendall took a somewhat odd route for the sport he's being inducted for. Growing up, many kids pick up a sport early, refine their skills and build on their game. Brian's path to becoming one of the region's top bowlers was different.

His journey into bowling was normal. He first learned about the game as a child, accompanying his aunt when she would bowl. Brian also watched the PBA Tour on ABC's Wide World of Sports. However, his interest waned, and he didn't pursue bowling at the time.

Fast-forward to his college years and a "happen chance" event reignited his interest in bowling. In 1995, Brian was working for a restaurant and made a delivery to a bowling center that he didn't know existed. The visit flooded his mind with childhood memories of bowling with his aunt. The spark was lit, and his fire was started.

Brian immediately started bowling again. His love for bowling grew rapidly, as within two weeks of bowling his first game as an adult, Brian purchased his own ball, shoes and bag. With his desire and determination to quickly learn the game, Brian earned the respect of many veteran bowlers. A year later, Brian was bowling in regional tournaments and learning the sport through trials. Those experiences, though, grew his passion for bowling even more and led to many impressive performances.

His titles have stretched from the city of Memphis to throughout the entire region and nationally. He has won multiple Memphis city crowns in teams, doubles, singles and all events and took home the Bluff City Masters Champion title. Outside the city, Brian's list of accomplishments in bowling is long and includes Tennessee State Masters Champion, Tennessee State Scratch Team Champion, Arkansas Scratch Tour Champion and Southern Scratch Doubles Champion.

For his 30-year career, Brian's key to success is his consistency. For his career, Brian has posted an average of 200 or more and has a current average score of 227 in league play. Brian has rolled more than 40 games with a 300 score and more than 30 with an 800 score. He has posted a high 800 series score of 855, becoming a member of an elite club as fewer than 1% of all bowlers have had one 3-game set score of 800 or more.

Please welcome to the Hall of Fame, for bowling — Brian Kuykendall.