

2022 Hall of Fame Inductee:

Jim Kashouty

Achievement

Jim Kashouty's bowling career spanned over 40 years, including 36 years here in Victoria. Jim comes from a bowling family and in 1966 his parents, Andy and Evelyn, purchased the Victoria Bowling Lanes, the first ABC/WIBC-sanctioned center in Victoria. Jim's family includes his wife Lynda, step-daughter Jennifer, and brother Bill. In addition, step-son Chris, and daughters Teenie and Candy, all who have bowled in youth and adult leagues in Victoria.

When asked what he thought was his biggest bowling accomplishment, achievement, or service was, Jim said there were three:

- Bowling one year on the PBA tour while he was still in Victoria. He said he quickly "realized that I was not as good as I thought I was;"
- Rolling his first 300 game (10/29/1975) in Victoria. In February of that same year he also rolled three 299 games in a 10-day period; and
- Keeping the "family" atmosphere going that his dad and Morgan Smith developed for the bowling center.
- Jim says the best thing about bowling is the sportsmanship and team atmosphere. It is never "I"—he always tried to make it "We".

Jim has many fond moments in bowling, but one of the greatest was seeing his dad's reaction to seeing Jim bowl his first 300 game. It is the only time he saw a tear in his dad's eye.

On behalf of the VUSBC, we welcome and congratulate Jim Kashouty for being inducted into the Victoria USBC Hall of Fame.

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Mike Wortham

Service & Achievement

Mike Wortham has been bowling for 53 years, including 37 years here in Victoria. Mike's family members include his wife Trudy, daughters Lauren and Rachel, son-in-law Brad, and grandchildren Haylee and Cason, all of whom bowl: Haylee and Cason for fun on bumpers; Lauren, Brad, Rachel, Trudy and Mike all bowl in the monthly Wild Turkey League, and Trudy and Rachel also bowl in the Sundowners league.

Mike has held many positions in local and State bowling associations/ organizations: Texas State Young Adult Bowling Association (YABA) Director (1986-88); Texas Bowling Proprietors of America Association (BPAA) Director (1986-1990); Memphis BPAA Director (1992); Victoria Association Merge Committee (2004); Victoria USBC Director (2009-present).

When asked what he thought was his biggest bowling accomplishment, achievement, or service was, Mike provided the following:

- Rolling his first ever 300 game. He said he started bowling at the age of 16 and at the age of 40 he thought a 300 game would never happen. He bowled his first perfect game at Park Lanes, the Memphis bowling center he grew up bowling in;
- His highest series bowled came in the 1984 Victoria City Tournament (Doubles w/Glen Holder), and he *thinks* it was a 748. He has three other 300 games and one 299 game;
- Bowling in 20 National Tournaments and averaging 180.2; and
- Getting a youth league program back on its feet and seeing the smiles on these new faces at some of the simplest accomplishments like a spare or a strike.

Mike said the best thing about bowling is meeting all of the people around the game. He said he had the good fortune to cross paths with some of the best in this sport; from professional bowlers before they "made it," to proprietors, mechanics, and other workers that he has learned much from—many that never get acknowledged.

Mike's fondest moment in bowling is seeing the youth from the past still enjoying the game. Having them bring in their children to enjoy this sport together. Bowling is truly a lifetime sport—from 8 to 80 everyone can play!

On behalf of the VUSBC, we welcome and congratulate Mike Wortham for being inducted into the Victoria USBC Hall of Fame.