

Prodigy Writing Contest

At thirty-six years old, and a 201 average, you would be hard pressed to declare me a prodigy of bowling. The hard facts remain obvious, but if you look a little closer you may find that I have exactly the qualities Storm and the USBC are looking for in the future of this great sport. Dedication, focus, patience, charisma, perseverance, and physical fitness are all key attributes that I believe have guided me to a point where I am ready to make a significant, positive impact, in the game of bowling.

For several years I was known as a bowler with good physical makeup and form, but one that could not execute due to over compensating the ball movement. I was continuously stuck in the low to mid 180's and seemingly could not get out of this rut. The day I was introduced to the Storm Paradigm was day I began a new journey towards bowling excellence. I immediately moved my average up ten pins, and with the compliment of Storm's sister company Roto-Grip, I again increased my average another ten pins, including my first ever 300 game. The Storm family has certainly taken me to new heights with much more room to grow.

Another revelation towards bowling success has been my introduction to a USBC certified instructor and Storm advocate Steve Richter. His teachings have shown me how to loosen my strangle on the ball and allow the technology built into the Storm equipment to work for me as it was designed. This powerful combination of education and technology is what I feel all levels of competition need in order to raise the quality of competition in the game bowling.

Raising the game of bowling to new heights is my ultimate goal. I need a plan, and I need to be in a position to execute that plan. Personally, I need to perform at a high level to achieve respect and recognition that people of all ages and corporations can look to and support. I need to be a chasim-bridger and bring in new bowlers as well as re-invigorating veterans of the game.

Ultimately, I need to implement a new vision for the game. A vision that takes the distinct qualities that have brought the game this far, and blend with new ones that will take it into generations to come. I believe some of the qualities include a new professional attitude towards the game similar to what we see in golf. Tightening the relationship between instructors and pro-shops operators is another opportunity which I believe will ease the tension and confusion most league bowlers have when trying to decide how on to improve their game. Lastly, I need to convince bowling houses across the country that they need to invest into an atmosphere that encourages education in both instruction and bowling equipment.

I hope I have shown you that my qualities as a "Prodigy", not only equal, but surpass, and expand the expectations that Storm and the USBC look for in their bowling alumni. I thank you for the opportunity to express to my thoughts and desires in this exciting endeavor.