

The Prodigy

My name is Shawn Vine and I am a very proud parent of two sons. Bowling was always a sport that interested my children. They have been bowling since they were small. Every year we have bowling birthday parties. Over the years they have come to love the game and the sport. With each year they have become more involved in the sport by having their own balls and perfecting their game with league play and tournaments.

My husband has also been involved with them in this sport. Each year he would join a parent child league. I would enjoy this time to myself each Sunday. This past winter he had some unexpected surgery and was unable to keep the tradition. I stepped up to the plate and stood in for him not wanting to disappoint my son. To my surprise I had a blast. I really started to get interested in the game as well as wanting to become a good bowler. We now can have a common family interest as well as a friendly competition among us. I hope that with a new ball and some skill training I will be able to have a real chance to bowl at the level of my children and really enjoy the game.

Each Sunday we would arrive at the bowling alley with kind smiles and words of encouragement from the other families. I had not bowled since I was a teenager. My first game I bowled 100. WOW! My average became a 100. The game was fun. The people were great. The time bonding with my son is priceless. After the season ended I found myself wanting to continue to bowl. We entered a few parent child tournaments and came in second at one. With my average still low I started watching the PBA tours hoping to learn more. My son was on the high school team and I couldn't wait to watch and learn from these kids each week. I am so amazed how the bowlers of this generation bowl. The ones who use two hands, the ones who have a curve and of course the ones who are just gifted.

I have researched balls and shoes now that I am going to make the investment into this sport. With a chance to win a prodigy ball my hope is to become a better bowler and increase my average. With a higher average I would like to join additional leagues. I would encourage my friends to join a league with me and up the level of fun and play.

Bowling has taught my children good sportsmanship, self respect and the desire to achieve a goal. Weather bowling for a team or as an individual the right equipment is needed. Prodigy has the potential the help me make this dream of becoming the next prodigy happen. I will use this opportunity to enhance my game and proudly show off the gift that was granted to me. I look forward to being the next prodigy by prodigy.