

I am writing this article to express why I feel that I am the next bowling prodigy. I started bowling in junior leagues (AJBC) at the age of 11 in Loveland, Colorado. I have served as a Director, Vice President, and President of our local association for many years. I feel that over the years I have had some great accomplishments as I have strived to improve my game.

In April 1999, at the age of 38, I bowled my first 300 game, and at the same time shot 800 series. Going into that game, I had 500 (254-246) and never considered that I could reach 800. One of my team mates had to tell me that I had bowled an 800 series it was surprisingly unexpected. I still feel today that this was a great feat. I was the first woman in Loveland, Colorado to bowl a 300 game and 800 series.

In 2002 I was inducted into our local hall of Fame. By this time I had won several local and state titles.

My second 300 game was on December 2, 2007. On November 21, 2009 I bowled an 811 series (299-267-245) and on December 10, 2009 I bowled my third 300 game. Having had successful back surgery in June 2008, I considered this a major accomplishment not having my game drop off during recuperation, but rather it continued to improve.

On January 7, 2010, I bowled on a team (2 women; 3 men) that recorded a team game of 1302, I anchored with a 279. What made this moment special was that on this team were my brother (286) and my nephew (239). I purchased a new ball and on February 4, 2010 bowled my 4<sup>th</sup> 300 game. I ended the year averaging 220.

During State qualification for Team USA, I won a qualifying spot three years in a row (2001-2003). My best effort at TEAM USA qualifying was 30<sup>th</sup> place at Castaways in Las Vegas. I made several appearances as an amateur on the Ladies Pro Bowling tour during the years 1989-1994. I have bowled in 3 Queens Tournaments (1997-1999-2006). Other accomplishments include scoring a 2237 (715-790-732) at a 9-game event in November 2009.

I strive to learn all that I can about this game. I attended a bowling camp this summer to learn more about lane conditions and equipment, I was the oldest participant at the camp. This sport has allowed me to go places and experience many wonderful things, as I celebrate my 25<sup>th</sup> Women's Championship Tournament next year in Syracuse, NY. My goal is to improve my score in both this tournament and the USBC Open. I hope to participate in my first Senior Queens Tournament next year.

To be honest, I may not be the next young bowling prodigy, but I do feel that I have some exceptional talent. I hope, in a way, that I have been an inspiration to all bowlers to never give up and continue to improve their game.