



Mike Jacobs

Many people believe that Mike Jacobs was born into bowling. The truth is, Mike was born to promote bowling. At age 6, he began youth bowling and by age 11 he was doing the secretary work for his AJBC league, and also keeping scores for both the Men's and Women's State tournaments. At age 14, he promoted his first tournament bid in Traverse City for the women's state

tournament with owner Ralph Kuris and his dad, Bob Jacobs. Mike began working the front desk in high school. He was getting to know both sides of the bowling business.

Soon, Mike went off to college at Western Michigan University (WMU) and bowled in some scratch leagues, but he knew his calling wasn't bowling but promoting/running bowling. After graduation Mike was offered an accounting job with YEO/YEO in Kalamazoo but opted to work for Northway Lanes. Soon after, he began his magic setting up leagues and tournaments, many that still run today (for example, The Turkey Day Singles, Pepsi No-Tap, Sundae Singles, and the Pepsi/Mountain Dew team tournaments).

Relentlessly marketing bowling, Mike targeted youth and off shift bowlers. Mike filled up all 50 lanes on Thursdays at Midnight with 2nd shift workers. He then started a program where McDonalds attached a flyer to their "Happy Meals" promoting "McBumper" and "McBowl." "McBowling" supplied as many as 250 youth

bowlers a happy meal each week and introduced new bowlers to our sport.

Utilizing a strong relationship with Pepsi, Mike began the Mt. Dew teenagers summer program on Mondays which grew to as many as 24 teams and continues today. College night and Service Industry People (SIP) night were two hugely successful programs that he fostered. Mike was also secretary/treasurer of numerous leagues including the Wednesday Morning Industrial league when it had 24 teams!

In 1997 Mike met with Ron Tomassoni to discuss how they could get high school bowling going state wide. Ron had been running a high school club program in the U.P. After spending two days drawing up rules and a format with Ron and Dave Vanderhoek from Starlite Lanes, Mike interviewed and hired coaches for local clubs. High school bowling took off statewide and soon after nationwide! Northway has hosted many high school state finals, and continues to host 8 local high schools and the Muskegon Community College (MCC) team.

His passion to learn trends and share ideas for our sport led Mike to becoming a director on the Bowling Center's Association of Michigan board. He got to meet other proprietors throughout the state and country and helped set-up the state bowling proprietor conventions. Mike spent 10 years on the BCAM board culminating as vice-president in 2019.

Mike had some success on the lanes as well rolling two 300 games including his first in a city tournament in Ravenna. His high series is 781 and he carried a season high average of 216 twice.

Since getting out of the bowling business in 2019, Mike has parlayed his bowling relationships into a successful career in real estate with Greenridge Realty. He also has more time to enjoy his favorite activity...fishing!

Mike is being inducted today for his many years of Meritorious service promoting the great sport of bowling and there is no doubt he will continue to be an asset to the sport for many years, and now, he will be an asset to the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame!



Billy Orlikowski

Billy has been fortunate to have bowling as a central part of his life since he was 2 years old. His journey started at Clique Lanes in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the bowling center his grandparents built in 1953. His family ran it for over 50 years, and growing up there

with 15 cousins meant they were always competing to see who could be the best bowler. Billy says, "It was a great way to learn the game, and I'll always be grateful for the guidance and support I received from my family during those early years."

As a junior bowler, Billy won several city championships around the Grand Rapids area. In 1985 while bowling in the Michigan State YABA Championship his team won the Team Event Boys Open shooting 2959 with teammates Dennis Johnson, Terry Riley, Jim Rennick & Lars Virkstis. By age 18 (1986), Billy had transitioned into the adult ranks and it wasn't long before he started making a name for himself by rolling perfect 300 games, which were rare at the time, and winning prestigious local tournaments. Competing in the Major League of Bowling for Grand Rapids was also a highlight, and by 1987, Billy felt ready to take his game to the next level by joining the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA).

In 1989, Billy won his first Lakeshore Classic title at Northshore Recreation Center, which was a pivotal moment for him. Around that time, he met Bill Wasserberger, who was the Director of R&D

for Brunswick, and Ray Edwards, who was working for Brunswick as well at that time as the Pro Staff Ball Rep. Through them, Billy became involved in testing Brunswick's bowling balls. In 1991, while competing on the Fall PBA Tour, Johnny Petraglia suggested to Billy that Brunswick have him handle ball testing for them. That's how he started testing some of their most iconic equipment, including the Purple Rhino Pro, which was Brunswick's first reactive ball, released in 1992. It was with that ball that Billy made his first TV appearance in January of 1993. He bowled on the PBA Tour from 1990 to 1999 while also working as part of Brunswick's Pro Staff, helping develop and test balls.

In 2001, Billy was lucky enough to be hired full-time by Brunswick as an R&D Technician, which brought him to Muskegon. Over the years, he moved up through the ranks—first to International Product Manager, then Product Manager, and now Director of Product Management. In his 30+ years with Brunswick, he had a hand in developing some of the most influential balls in the sport, from the Rhino Pro series to the Zones, Quantums, Infernos, and many more. He was also one of the first persons to work and operate Thro-Bot in 1998. He has also had the privilege of working closely with the Brunswick Pro Staff for the PBA, PWBA, and Senior PBA players as a coach and mentor. In the early 2000s, Billy traveled overseas to help promote Brunswick in Asia and Europe, which was an exciting chapter in his career.

In 2002, he started bowling leagues in Muskegon, joining the famed Red Triangle league at Northway Lanes. Competing alongside greats like Tom Tomaras, Mark (Doc) Lange, Mark McNarland, Bob DeCheney, and many others was an incredible experience. The competition was always intense, but the

camaraderie was just as strong, making it one of the best leagues he's ever bowled in.

Billy continues to stay active in the bowling community, competing in leagues and as many local tournaments as he can. This year, he was honored to win the 2024 Muskegon Masters, another special moment in his bowling journey

Billy said, “being inducted into the Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame is an honor I deeply cherish, and I’m grateful for all the incredible people and experiences that have shaped my career, both on and off the lanes.”

In his amateur career, he amassed 3 National Championships, along with 13 other top 10 finishes at the prestigious ABC/USBC Open Championships. He also captured 1 Mixed National Doubles Title with his wife Robin, setting a record score that still stands.

On the State level, he has earned 1 State Mixed Team Title. At the Muskegon city level, he has captured 6 Lakeshore titles and in 2024 won the Muskegon Masters. His highest Muskegon season average was 238 in 2012-2013 at Sherman lanes. In 2016 at Sherman Lanes, he shot a 300 and an 803 series in a Sport League on difficult lane conditions.

In his 15 years as a professional (1990-1999), Billy made 1 televised final in 1993 finishing 5th at the AC Delco Classic. One of his most memorable PBA National events was the 1993 Greater Grand Rapids Open where he came so close to winning the hometown event finishing 7th. During the Fall of 1993 while on tour, he wrote a weekly diary chronicling each PBA event for the Grand Rapids Press. From 1994-1995 he also wrote bowling tips for the Grand Rapids Press.

On the PBA Regional circuit, Billy collected 6 titles and in 2000 was named the Central Regional Player of the Year. His professional earnings were \$223,795.00 the most of any Grand Rapids male bowler. After Billy retired from professional bowling in 2001 to spend more time with his family, he was still able to compete as an amateur. During this time Billy also bowled a few international events and in 2005 he won the famed Punta Cana Open in the Dominican Republic. In 2016, Billy was inducted into the Grand Rapids Bowling USBC Hall of Fame.

Other accomplishments include:

USBC Open National Championships 1st Place (Eagles - 3) 1999 Regular Team All Events (2074 / 9 games = 230.44 – 9919 / 5 players = 1983 series per player - 220.42 avg per player) 2012 Regular Team All Events (2,038 / 9 games = 226.44 average - 9,954 5-man team = 221.2 average per player) 2018 Regular Team (606 = 202 average - 3,322 5-man team = 221.47 average per player) USBC Open Championships Top-10 Finishes 1999 2nd Regular Doubles (822 / 3 games = 274 average) 1999 7th Regular All Events (592, 822, 660 = 2074) 2005 10th Regular Team All Events (1,862 / 9 games = 206.89 average) 2007 9th Regular Team (609 / 3 games = 203 average - 3,156 = 631.2 series per player) 2007 5th Team All Events (1,923 / 9 games = 213.67 average) 2008 8th Team All Events (2,008 / 9 games = 223.11 average) 2009 5th Team (614 / 3 = 204.67 - 3,325 / 5 players = 665 series per player) 2010 8th Regular Team (665 / 3 games = 221.67 - 3,347 / 5 players = 669.4 series per player) 2010 6th Team All Events (1,798 / 9 games = 199.78 average) 2012 7th Regular Team (670 / 3 games = 223.33 - 3,277 / 5 players = 655.4 series per player) 2014 7th Team All Events (1,944 / 9 games = 216 average) 2019 2nd Team All Events (1,949 / 9 games = 216.56 average)

2019 4th Regular Team (739 / 3 games = 246.33 - 3,254 / 5 players = 650.8 series per player) 299 game, 822 in Doubles in 1999 299 game in Singles in 1990 207 average in 27 years (243 games bowled through 2021)

Other National Titles 2010 Bowlers Journal Mixed Doubles (w/Robin Orlikowski), set record with 1,838 / 2 = 919 per play / 4 games = 229.75 average 2019 3rd Bowlers Journal Senior Doubles w/Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Held a PBA card for 15 years (1987 – 2001) Professional Accomplishments 1993 5th PBA AC Delco Classic (National Tour Stop)

6 PBA Regional Titles

1993 1st Lazy Boy Open (Monroe, MI)

1995 1st Miller Lite (Youngstown, OH)

1995 1st Varsity Lanes Open (Bowling Green, OH)

1998 1st Pepsi Challenge (Windsor, Ontario, Canada)

2000 1st Browning Pontiac (Louisville, KY)

2000 1st Miller Lite Open (Wyoming, MI)

2000 PBA Central Region Player of the Year (Central region included – MI, OH, IN, KY, WV, PA – approx. 300 members)

12 PBA 300 Games

International 2005 1st Punta Cana International Open (Dominican Republic)

Records, Honors and Awards 1990 300 game, Bowlers Journal Tournament 1990 299 game, USBC Open Championships (Singles) 1999 822 series, USBC Open Championships (Doubles) 1999 299 game, USBC Open Championships (Doubles)

Local & State Accomplishments 83 300 games (lifetime) 46 800 series (lifetime) – Highest series 858

In 2016 Billy was elected to Greater Grand Rapids USBC Hall of Fame and in 2023 he was elected to the Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame. Billy is only the 3rd bowler to be inducted into this group along with founding member Marion Ladewig (1972) and Billy Golembiewski (1976).

Now, it is time that Muskegon also recognizes the contributions Billy has made to the sport of bowling! Congratulations on your accomplishments and welcome to the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame.



Jeff Petroski

Jeff started bowling in juniors leagues at age 6 at Muskegon Lanes where early on he would get help from numerous coaches especially, Clyde McKentry, his Dad Dave, and his Grandpa Joe.

Jeff had a phenomenal YABA career and recalls one of the highlights was winning state doubles with his younger

brother Scott and having a 290 game at age 15!

After Juniors, Jeff started bowling the Tuesday Hecklers league at Muskegon Lanes (which most of his family was also in). Jeff battled Carl Grimm year after year for high average in the league and the house. Right out of juniors Jeff started his adult leagues with a 194 average and started bowling in tournaments where he was fortunate to win a doubles event with his grandma Doris (which means a lot to him) and a City Doubles win with Ryan Mouw in 2010.

One of the things you will hear from anyone that bowls with Jeff is how competitive he is on every shot, every time out, and it's really one of the reasons guys like bowling with him. Guys like, Chris Churchill, Scott Babcock, Bob DeCheney, Dave Stowers, and Mark McNarland are just a handful of the guys that would choose Jeff, aka "Petro" first for an event.

In 2013, or as it has been referred to as the year of "Petro" is when Jeff finally broke out. He bowled his first 300 game. He partnered with Chris Churchill in the Men's City Tournament and scored his first 800, an 824 in the doubles event only to come back and shoot

a whopping 854 in the singles event. He finished the tournament with a 730 in team event for an All-event total of 2408 and swept all the city tournament events that year!

To date Jeff has racked up 14 300 games (one of them at Eagles State Tournament) and 4 800 series. So, what are Jeff's future plans? Well, he would love to average 230 again (which he has done a few times through the years) but he is mostly looking forward to watching his sons Zach and Cody get better at bowling.

It is with great pleasure and honor to welcome Jeff into the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame.



Dave Vanderstelt

David VanderStelt has been involved in bowling for over five decades, bowling in leagues in Muskegon, Grand Haven, and Holland, Michigan.

His bowling career started as a junior bowler in the mid-1960s. Growing up in East Muskegon, his home lanes were Northway.

His parents would supply him enough money for his bowling games, shoes, a basket of french fries, and a Coke. As a junior bowler, he had the opportunity to meet and bowl with and against many current Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame members.

As an adult, Dave has bowled as many as four nights a week and participated in Muskegon and Ottawa County leagues. Dave has held many officer positions in several leagues in Muskegon and has had a lot of success on the lanes, with multiple 300 games and 800 series.

If you know Dave, his scores are not what matters to him. His love for the game is about the friendships he has gained, seeing new bowlers fall in love with the sport, and ensuring the integrity of the game is maintained by league members.

Dave involved his wife Debra and his children Michele and Marc in the sport, but one of Dave's favorite memories at the bowling alley was helping coach his granddaughter, Kayleigh. Every Saturday morning, you could find him sitting at Northway Lanes

with a cup of coffee, coaching her to success. His guidance led to Kayleigh winning the Michigan High School Division 2 state finals in 2015.

Today, you will find Dave at the Muskegon Eagles bowling on Wednesday nights and perhaps subbing in a few other leagues. In addition, if you ever need to see him on a Saturday during bowling season, he will be at Bob Hi bowling in the Dick Meisch Bud Light Shootout (he is always looking for new partners to make the leaderboard) and now, Dave can add HOF'er to his resume.

Congratulations and welcome to the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame.