



Paul Fleming

North Central Texas Hall of Fame

Paul started bowling at the age of six when we lived in Bitburg Germany. We heard that there was a local junior bowling league, so we signed up Paul and his brother. They bowled every Saturday for as long as we lived there. His brother, Ed, took to bowling easily while Paul struggled a bit. It didn't matter that he was two years younger, it made him all the more determined to beat his brother.

When we moved to Altus, Ok., we enrolled Paul, Ed and their two sisters in league. Paul's father got a part time job at the bowling center and the kids got to practice for free. Our house in Altus had a long hall way and after Saturday league, they would come home and set up the plastic bowling pins and bowl all afternoon. We traveled all over Oklahoma taking them to tournaments.

When we moved to the Kansas City area, the kids continued to bowl. Paul Sr. and I enrolled in coaching school so we could help coach the kids. I eventually took over running the league and we signed the kids up for many tournaments. Paul Sr. continued to coach the kids until they became too old to listen or they thought they knew more than him. When Paul turned 16, he started working at the bowling center. He got to practice a lot and had already made up his mind to be a pro bowler. At that time we had pro bowlers coming to Kansas City for some of their tournaments. We took the kids to a Pro Am tournament and I remember that Paul bowled with Norm Duke. Paul shot his first 800 series during a summer league when he was 18.

He began his collegiate bowling career at Central Missouri State University and then transferred to the University of Nebraska, where he was a 2-time All-American, to finish his degree. He met his wife, Andrea, at UNL and moved to Texas after graduating with a degree in Physical Education. Shortly after moving to Texas, he joined Ken Urban's elite stable of bowlers which would include Del Ballard Jr., Chris Warren and Robert Lawrence to name a few and tried his hand on the PBA tour.

A Few of Paul's Accomplishments:

Silver Level Coach since 1991
Bronze Level Instructor
Head Instructor at Cowtown Bowling Palace
2-Time Collegiate All-American U of Nebraska
1990 Collegiate National Team Champion
1991 National Amateur Champion
1992 Member Team USA
1994, 1996 World Team Challenge Champion
1996, 2012 Red River Doubles Champion
1999 PBA Rookie of the Year
2000 USBC Masters - 3rd Place
2000 US Open - 4th Place

2005 Luci Bonneau Mixed Doubles
2010 Bowlers Journal Champion
2010 Texas State Scratch Doubles
2013 Texas State Doubles
2014 GTO All Events Champion
2017 USBC Century Doubles Champion
6 PBA Regional Titles
Over 50 300 Games
Over 35 800 Series; High Series 863

