



## Val Goss

### North Central Texas Hall of Fame

What sport, other than bowling, allows us to laugh, enjoy friends and loved ones, be rather terrible at it, and want to go again?!

Bowling has embraced family and friends for decades. For some, however, it captures them. It gets inside them. It motivates them. It stays. So it is with Valarie Goss, more fondly known as Val.

Time has taken her from age 6 to the present - Inductee to the North Central Texas USBC Hall of Fame.

Along the way, Val has qualified herself for Hall of Fame honors on many levels. Past honors include the Junior Queens Champion in 1984, Junior Masters in 1985 and in 1986 she finished 2nd Place All Events in Houston's State Tournament, won an entry into the BPAA Tournament in Wichita, Kansas, and enjoyed back to back FWWBA City Tournament Championships.

Other performance accomplishments include an array of participation and honors. She's accumulated 30 plus years in local and state championship tournaments, junior and adult divisions. She's tucked away seven 300 games and two career 800 series. In 2006, her highest certified series of 823 was achieved. And it was in 2011 that she brought forth her highest certified average of 217. In the last seventeen years, she has averaged 200+ in sixteen of those years. Most recently, she holds an average of 196 for leagues.

Val's service over the last forty-five years has been evidenced in many facets. Namely, from 1981-84, she served as Junior League Secretary at Richland Bowl. During the same time frame, she was Certified Junior Leader and Junior Coach. In 2003-2006, she was League Secretary of Chicks and Chaps at Hurst Bowl. In regard to stewardship and service that does not come with a title, Val is always there to help, to lift-up, and to praise. These personal traits do not limit themselves to bowling. They are present wherever she goes.

In 2003, the honor of FWWBA Bowler of the Year went to Val. On a personal note, Val has been a dear friend for many years. We have come to know that at the core of her being, her mother has been a constant source of inspiration. It was her mother who introduced her to bowling and to a life-long sense of enjoyment and dedication. Betty Peterson was inducted to the North Central Texas Hall of Fame in 2005. The loss of her mother has weighed heavily on Val, but this honor lifts her to a place like no other. To follow her mother into the Hall of Fame is to come full-circle in what began forty-five years ago. So it is that in 2017, Val Goss, along side of her mother, proudly and humbly takes placement into the North Central Texas Hall of Fame. She will remain not only a participant to the sport and association, but a pillar among those who bring it honor.

