

Paul Parker

North Central Texas Hall of Fame

Paul was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1956. In his younger years, Paul was introduced to the game of bowling by his parents, both avid league bowlers, and he and his brother, Keith, began bowling junior leagues. However, Paul's interest in bowling peaked when he enrolled at Eastern New Mexico University. The coach of the collegiate bowling program had watched him bowl with friends between classes and encouraged him to try out for the team, which he did successfully.



The ENMU team practiced in the 8-lane bowling center in the basement of the Campus Union Building. Paul was bowling 80 games a week and qualified for the travelling team his freshman year. During his junior year (1979), he bowled his first 300 and was HOOKED ON THE GAME! While continuing his education, Paul bowled for the university team, taught bowling classes to more than 300 students, and managed the Campus Union bowling center. In 1980 he won the Southwest Collegiate Singles tournament held in Austin, Texas and donated the scholarship award to ENMU at his graduation.

In 1981, Paul moved to Fort Worth, Texas, joined the Professional Bowlers Association as a Regional Member, and began a long career with General Dynamics / Lockheed Martin in the field of software engineering. He was active in city leagues and bowled professional tournaments on weekends. He also served as house professional and taught bowling classes at Ridglea Bowl. During those years, Paul became part of a community of amazing bowlers and great friends, many of whom he still bowls with today!

Paul bowled 17 years in the PBA winning his title in November of 1983. During that time, he bowled 6 PBA 300 games and served as the Southwest Region PBA tournament Committee Chairman for two years. Paul qualified for the Southwest Regional Pro Championship team (1993-1995) and was also awarded the Pat Paterson Award by the SW Region PBA in 1995.

During his 37 years in Fort Worth, Paul bowled many City and State tournaments and USBC open championship, receiving his 25-year participation award in 2014. He has earned and proudly displays 34 USBC award rings (26 -300's, 5 -800's, 3-299's) and 2 PBA rings representing 5 - 300's.

Throughout his bowling career, Paul is honored to have had the opportunity to bowl with so many outstanding friends in the bowling community and he is thrilled to be inducted this year into the NCTUSBC Hall of Fame.

