

## Michael N. Wheeler

### Superior Performance



Michael N. Wheeler was born May 5, 1954 in Fort Meade, Maryland to a military family. His father was an avid bowler and ran various bowling centers while in the army. That created a great opportunity for Mike. He began his bowling career at the age of five while his family was stationed in Germany.

He excelled as a youth bowler. His family traveled often from the US to Germany to Okinawa and back. Each area presented new conditions and Mike learned to make adjustments at a very young age. This has contributed to his uncanny ability to adapt to any condition. Returning to Maryland in 1970 he carried his first 200 average at Fairlanes Dundalk at the age of 16.

In 1973, Mike married Barbara and they currently reside in Edgewood. Last month they just celebrated thirty years together. They have three daughters, Stacy 25, Shannon 23 and Amber 21.

It was also in 1973 that Mike joined ABC and bowled in the 1st Nighters League at Fairlanes Dundalk. It was in that league, during the 1980 season, Mike met Karl Schmidt and Bruce Hollen Jr. Mike met Richard McFadden in 1982 at Fairlanes Edgewood and the team was evolving. Little did they know what lay ahead.

It was with Lieske Enterprises, in 1986, they won their first title together. In 1988 the "Smooove Five" was born and together the core of Mike, Bruce and Richard have put up numbers that are hard to believe.

Mike's individual statistics include three 800 series and nine 300 games as well as 100's of 700 series. It was in 1986 that Mike really exploded. Most would be happy with a career that had the accomplishments of just that year. He started the year on 1/12/86 with his 1st 800 series. He then won the Maryland State US Open Qualifier and represented Maryland in the US Open. Right behind that, his team won both the scratch and handicap events of the GBBA tournament. He then traveled to Las Vegas and shot a 2086 all-events score in the ABC tournament, finishing second. Upon returning, his team won their first of 10 state team titles. In recognition of his amazing year the GBBA elected Mike to the 1986 "All Metro" team.

Here is a listing of the rest of his accomplishments.

### **MARYLAND STATE TITLES**

1986 Team Scratch: Lieske Enterprises  
1990 Team Scratch: Smoove 5  
1991 Team Scratch: Smoove 5  
1993 Team Handicap: Smoove 5  
1995 Team Scratch: Smoove 5  
1996 Team Scratch: The Right Approach Pro Shop  
1999 Team Scratch: Smoove 5  
2000 Team Scratch: Chesapeake Logo's  
2001 Team Scratch: Smoove 3+2  
2002 Team Scratch: Smoove 5

### **GBBA TITLES**

1986 Team Scratch and Handicap  
1990 Team Scratch and Handicap  
1991 Team Scratch and Handicap  
1996 Team Scratch and Handicap  
1998 Double Scratch  
1999 Team Scratch

### **World Team Challenge Champion - 1994**

### **CHCBA TITLES**

1994

It is with great honor that the Maryland State Bowling Association proudly inducts Michael N. Wheeler into its Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance Category.



From the left: ABC Director Michael L. Bowers, ABC Vice President S. M. "Buddy" Rousso, Honoree Mike Wheeler, MSBA President Robert W. Evans, ABC Field Consultant Colleen Parnicza