

Chrissy Bennett

Superior Performance



Chrissy Bennett was born on July 1, 1964, in Dundalk, Maryland, to Norma & Bud Tanner. The Family settled in the Dundalk area because Chrissy's father worked at Bethlehem Steel and also owned his own Exterminating company. Chrissy was blessed to be the youngest of six girls, whom many refer to as the "Tanner Girls". Chrissy's mom introduced all of us to the sport of bowling. She grew up a few blocks from Bowl America Dundalk, so this became our entertainment and family time. Family time was and continues to be the most important priority in our lives.

Chrissy started bowling duckpins at the age of 6, but always wanted to try tenpins. When she was 10 years old she convinced her mother to let her bowl tenpins. Chrissy and her sister Kelly started bowling together in the youth league, with her mother, Norma, as our coach.

In 1976, Chrissy qualified for the Maryland State Youth Games team, held in Boston, Massachusetts and was able to compete against other teams from many other cities. The following year, (1977) she qualified for the Maryland Youth Games held in New Haven, Connecticut, under the guidance of Bob and Meri Mallette. They both were instrumental in providing Maryland Youth bowlers the chance to represent our state. This experience introduced her to the competition side of bowling.

Chrissy was also very proud to be accepted to the Fair Lanes Dundalk travel team, once she turned 13 years old. This league was the best of the best Youth bowlers in the Baltimore area. Traveling to a different bowling center each week to compete against the best bowlers in the Baltimore area was one of the most memorable times in my life. Chrissy really appreciated all of the time and effort that the coaches gave to us as bowlers, and cherish the memories of the "end of the year banquets".

After graduating from Patapsco High School in 1982, Chrissy went on to join an adult league at Bowl America Dundalk. A few years later, she enrolled at Essex Community College, and was extremely fortunate to be able to join the Essex Women's Bowling Team. Under the guidance and encouragement of Carl Cuneo and Judy West, the Women's bowling team went on to win many collegiate tournaments that year. Chrissy may have won titles, but she also won many long lasting friendships from that experience.

Chrissy continued bowling at many bowling centers in the area, but it was at Bowl America Dundalk where she met her husband Brian. They were married in July 1991 and left for Germany in September. They lived in Germany for four years. Chrissy and Brian both worked at Rhein-Mein Air Base while in Germany. Luckily there was a bowling center on base. They joined a couple of leagues together. It was there that Chrissy qualified for the European Masters tournament held in southern Bavaria. This tournament was for all of the United States Military and Civilian personnel stationed throughout the European countries.

Once our tour had ended, Chrissy and Brian headed back to Maryland to begin our family life. Our son, Nick, was born in November 1996, then daughter Sammie was born November 2000.

Chrissy's niece (and best friend) Colleen Fino started bowling in more tournaments together. Fortunately, they teamed up with Chele Schirmer and Debbie Kuhn to form our team, "4 of a Kind" !!!! Together they have participated in many local and state tournaments, which have proven to be quite successful for them. I am so blessed to be able to bowl with such talented teammates, but more so, such wonderful friends.

Now Chrissy spends most of my time on the soccer field cheering for Nick and Sammie. She is the manager of Nick's soccer team and just the soccer mom for Sammie's team. Chrissy is so blessed to have such a wonderful son and daughter. They are her true happiness in life.

Chrissy continues to bowl one night a week at Perry Hall. Bowling is such a part of my life. She considers herself very lucky to be a part of the best sport in the world, and hopes that it will continue for many years to come.

Therefore, for her overall performance in the sport of tenpin bowling, the Maryland State Bowling Association welcomes Chrissy Bennett into its Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category.

Below is a list of Chrissy's Accomplishments:

MARYLAND STATE WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT TEAM TITLES

1995 Team Scratch: Charlene Spliker, Colleen Fino

2006 2008 2009 2011 Team Scratch Chele Schirmer, Colleen Fino, Debbie Kuhn

2010 Team Scratch Linda Broadwater, Colleen Fino, Debbie Kuhn

2006 Team Scratch (State Record)

1995 Doubles Scratch with Colleen Fino

2009 Doubles Scratch with Colleen Fino

2010 Doubles Scratch with Debbie Kuhn

2009 Singles Scratch

2010 Singles Scratch

MARYLAND STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT TITLES

2005 Mixed Team Scratch Bryan Cavallaro, Eddie VanDaneke, Yvonne Smith
2005 Mixed State Team Scratch Record
2005 Mixed Doubles Eddie VanDaneke
2006 Mixed Doubles Eddie VanDaneke

BALTIMORE WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Team with Chele Schirmer, Colleen Fino, Debbie Kuhn
2000 2001 2003 2004 2005 2011 Team Scratch
2000 Team Handicap
2004 Team Scratch (2677) * Association record
2006 Doubles Scratch, with Colleen Fino
2007 Doubles Scratch, with Colleen Fino
2009 Doubles Scratch with Debbie Kuhn
2009 Singles Scratch

COLLEGIATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Member of the 1985 Essex Community College Women's Bowling Team
Selected to the MD Junior College All Conference 1st Team
Selected to the NJCAA Region XX All Regional 1st Team
1st Place Team – Maryland Junior College Conference
1st Place Team – Maryland Junior College Tournament
1985 NJCAA Region XX Tournament
2nd Place - Team
1st Place - Singles
1st Place - Doubles
2nd Place - All Events

Harford County WBA Tournament Titles:

2006, 2009, 2010 Team Scratch,

European Tournament Titles

1993 – European Masters All Events title

300 Games – 6	800 Series - 3
299 Games – 2	298 Games - 1

Has maintained above a 200 average for over 16 years consecutively.

223 Highest Average for BWBA 2002-2003

221 Highest Average for BWBA 2003-2005

2008 - Inducted into the Baltimore USBC Hall of Fame - Superior Performance