

## Howard H Marshall

### Superior Performance



Howard H Marshall was born on August 26, 1962 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was raised by his parents Howard Sr., and Ellen in the Ashburton section of Baltimore City. He was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System graduating from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in 1979. He later attended Towson State University, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 1985. Howard still lives in Ashburton with his wife Stacey, and works for Baltimore County government as a manager with the Department of Economic Development – Division of Workforce.

Howard began bowling duckpins at age five at the old Edmonson Village Lanes. In 1969, Howard's parents enrolled him in the Fair Lanes Woodlawn junior bowling program. Marilyn Mallette was Howard's first junior coach. She patiently taught him bowling fundamentals, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Howard also received instruction from junior coaches Percy Mack, Jeremiah Dawson, Kenneth Murray, and Nathaniel Lawson. As a junior bowler, Howard won numerous awards.

Howard's adult bowling career began in 1980. In the 1981-82 season, Howard held the high composite average in the Greater Baltimore Bowling Association. Since then, Howard has won local association titles in three consecutive decades including four GBBA Bowling Association City tournament titles, seven "700 Club" scratch singles titles and the Greater Baltimore Bowling Association Masters title in 1995. Howard has also won league championships in four consecutive decades.

Howard has competed in many Maryland State Bowling Association sponsored tournaments, including 16 Annual Championships. He has earned five top-5 finishes in the Maryland Open including 1<sup>st</sup> place in 1996, 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes in 1983 and 1991, and a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in 1985. Howard has also earned four Maryland State USBC Association Tournament Titles, including back-to-back Scratch All-Events titles in 2006 and 2007.

Howard began bowling in Professional Bowlers Association competition as an amateur in 1980. At age 18, he made the match play finals of the Normandy Lanes Eastern Regional Open eventually finishing 13<sup>th</sup>. He later joined the Professional Bowlers Association in 1983, eventually earning three regional titles. Howard rolled two clutch 10<sup>th</sup> frame strikes to earn his last title in 1995, which was televised on the Empire (N.Y.) Sports Network. Howard attributes

much of his success during this period to coaching from GBBA & Maryland State Hall of Fame bowler Jim Podowski.

Howard has given back to the Greater Baltimore bowling community by working as a pro shop employee for 12 years. Among the operators with whom Howard has worked are: Wayne Stepp (Glen Burnie Pro Shop; Stepp & Marshall's Laurel Pro Shop), Walt Cervenka (Ritchie/Bowler's Zone Pro Shop), and Johnny Middleton/Bobby Davis (J & B Pro Shop). At the Laurel Pro Shop, Howard tutored former National Amateur Champion Anthony Chapman and current pro shop operator Kennie Lane on ball drilling fundamentals. Howard also taught Learn-to-Bowl classes, wrote columns for bowling newspapers, and made several appearances as a guest commentator on Don Vitek's World of Bowling radio program.

Today, Howard still bowls weekly maintaining an average in the 220s despite having a busy schedule and limited practice time. He still studies the game and willingly offers advice to those ask for his assistance especially youth bowlers, beginners and aspiring students of the sport.

Therefore, for his overall performance in the sport of tenpin bowling, the Maryland State USBC Association welcomes Howard H. Marshall into its Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category.

**Youth Awards:**

- 1976 Fair Lanes Holiday Youth Singles Champion
- 1979 TNBA Youth Team Championship, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania
- 1979 Maryland State Junior Tournament Doubles Champion
- 1978-79 Fair Lanes Youth Travel League Team Champion, High Average Award
- 1980 Maryland State Junior Tournament Team Champion

**Maryland State USBC Association Awards:**

- 1996 Maryland Open Scratch Champion
- 2006 Maryland State USBC Assoc. Tournament Scratch All Events Champion
- 2007 Maryland State USBC Assoc. Tournament Scratch All Events Champion
- 2007 Maryland State USBC Association Tournament Scratch Singles Champion
- 2007 Maryland State USBC Association Tournament 299 Game
- 2008 Maryland State USBC Association Tournament 290-300-256: 846

**Professional Bowlers Association Awards:**

- 1992 Eastern Region Average Leader
- 1993 Eastern Region Country Club Lanes Champion – Baltimore, MD
- 1994 Southern Region Golden Corral Champion – Chesapeake, VA
- 1994 Eastern Region Points Leader
- 1994 Competed In National Resident Pro Championships – Corpus Christi, TX
- 1995 Eastern Region Buzzsaw Champion – Tonawanda, NY

**Greater Baltimore USBC Bowling Association Awards:**

1983 GBBA City Tournament Scratch Team Champion  
1983 & 1985 Baltimore's Best Invitational Champion  
1993 Triple Crown Champion  
1995 GBBA Masters Champion  
1997-98 Award of Merit (241 Average)  
2002 GBBA City Tournament 299 Game  
2002-03 Award of Merit (238 Average)  
2006 GBBA USBC BA City Tournament Scratch Doubles Champion  
2006 GBBA USBC City Tournament Handicap Doubles Champion  
2009 GBBA USBC City Tournament Scratch Doubles Champion  
700 Club Scratch Singles Champion (7 titles)

**Other Tournament Titles:**

1983 Mid-Atlantic (VA) Bowling Tournament Assoc. Champion (VA)  
1984 Hanover (PA) Bowling Center Scratch Singles Champion  
1984 Dutch Classic Bowlers Assoc. Champion (PA)  
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1990 Memorial Day Champion – Forest Hill Lanes  
1991 Country Club Lanes Classic Champion  
1996 Fair Lanes Summer Tour Singles Champion  
1996 Maryland-Northern Virginia Area Bowlers Tour Champion (3 titles)  
2007 Thanksgiving Eve Sweeper - Brunswick Perry Hall Lanes  
2008 Forty Boards Scratch Tournament Champion  
2009 Opposites Attract Doubles Champion

**Outstanding Achievements:**

32 – 300 games (9 in PBA competition)  
17 – 800 series (5 in PBA competition)  
USBC 3-Man Team Game Co-Record holder (**300 – 897**) 2007  
30 Consecutive USBC Championship Tournaments – 200 Average

- 1998 Singles – 746; All Events – 2033
- 2006 Singles – 727; All Events – 2015