

Valerie B Marshall

Superior Performance



Valerie Bowen Marshall was born in Fort Meade Maryland into a career Navy family. As such she spent a lot of her early childhood in Bowling Centers on Naval installations as both of her parents loved the game and were regular league members. Her father, R. Wayne Bowen, USN (Ret.), was an avid athlete and always bowled in at least one league if not more. Her mother Betty Bowen Malkov, also an accomplished athlete, was a junior bowling coach and taught Valerie to bowl when she was 7.

The love of the sport was in her family so it was not surprising that she also became a bowler. She found she had a natural talent for the sport and bowled in junior leagues from ages 7-12. She picked the game back up at age 18, when she visited Harford Lanes with her mother and her sister Pam to watch them bowl during league play. Since then, Valerie has been a regular in league and tournament play with the exception of a hand injury that kept her from the game for almost 5 years.

Valerie earned her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Communications with a minor in IT Management. Valerie began league bowling once again in 2012 at Harford Lanes in Aberdeen at the insistence of her daughter Ocie who wanted to bowl in her first adult league (see, the game is in our genes). She spent many Saturday mornings watching Ocie bowl junior leagues at Harford Lanes offering tips, advice, and support.... Her sister Karen and brother Eric also enjoy the game along with her niece Brandi. Bowling is a sport for the entire family and she hopes to spend many more Saturday mornings watching her granddaughter bowl once she is old enough to begin.

Valerie has bowled in leagues primarily at Harford Lanes, but has bowled in leagues at Bel Air Bowl, Forest Hill Lanes, and a few in Delaware. She has bowled with many people over the past 35 years but the two constants have been her sisters Pam and Karen who are always there to provide support as sisters, team mates, and best friends!

Valerie currently serves as a Director on the Harford County USBC Women's Bowling Association. She also served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the HCWBA 500 Club (4 yrs), 600 Club (5 yrs) and the Maryland State 700 Club (5 yrs).

The league play and tournament competition has brought about many lasting memories and wonderful experiences but it is the enduring friendships for the past 35 years that she sees as her ultimate bowling accomplishment!

Accomplishments over the years include:

Maryland State USBC Association Titles:

1984-85 MD State WIBC State Tournament: Scratch Doubles – (P. Jones).
1986-87 MD State WIBC State Tournament: Scratch Team
1996-97 MD State WIBC State Tournament: Scratch All Events
1996-97 MD State WIBC State Tournament: Scratch Doubles (P. Jones).
2001 MD State ABC Mixed Team Handicap (A. Abraham, P. Jones, S. Tarbert).

Harford County USBC WBA Titles:

1986 Association Tournament: Team Scratch – (N. Barnard, C. Jewell, P. Jones).
1986 Association Tournament: All Events Scratch
1986 Association Tournament: Scratch Doubles – (P. Jones).
1987 Association Tournament: Team Scratch – (N. Barnard, C. Jewell, P. Jones).
1997 Association Tournament: Team scratch – (C. McCallum, K. Connors, P. Jones).
2000 Association Tournament: Scratch Doubles – (P. Jones).

Harford County and Cecil Harford Titles:

1997-98 Mixed Team Scratch (A. Abraham, P. Jones, S. Finley).
1999 Mixed Team Handicap (A. Abraham, P. Jones, S. Finley).
2001 CHCBA Men's Team Scratch (A. Abraham, P. Jones, M. Moscato, S. Finley).
2003 Mixed Scratch Team - (M. Moscato, E. Ripken, J. Vananzo).

Other Bowling Accomplishments:

- 2000-2001 CHCBA Single Game Scratch Record of 1306 in the Bill Snavely Scratch League (V. Marshall 233, A. Abraham 289, M. Moscato 258, P. Jones 290, S. Finley 236).
- 2001 CHCBA Association Tournament Scratch Team - first winning event that included women – (V. Marshall and P. Jones, along with A. Abraham, M. Moscato & S. Finley).
- 1st Woman in League Play to have a 700 series in Bel Air Bowl.
- 1984 Harford Lanes Invitational Championship
- 3rd place Singles Nationals – Reno, NV
- 7th place All Events Nationals – Reno, NV
- 9th Place Singles Nationals – Quad Cities
- 10th Place All Events Nationals – Quad Cities
- Highest Average: 206 (200+ average from 2002-2007)
- Highest Game: 299