

2015 Hall of Fame Inductees



Rose Smith

Superior Performance

Presenter:

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Rose Smith came to Las Vegas from Youngstown, Ohio where her family settled after leaving her birthplace of Transylvania, Romania. For more than 25 years Rose ran her own hairdressing business however it was bowling that became her passion where she became the first woman in Youngstown to break the gender barrier. Rose enjoyed a brief stint on the Ladies Professional Bowler Tour where she had moderate success on the National Tour and was able to make match play in every Regional Tour event she entered. From the late 70's to early 80's Rose held the highest average four times and secured many tournament titles including All Events in 1975 and 1977, and Singles in 1979. Moving to Las Vegas in 1996, Rose worked at the Showboat and then at the bowling desk at the Santa Fe Lanes for nine years. In 2010 she garnered the Association High Average with a 210 average, and for more than 14 years, Rose has averaged over 200 bowling exclusively in scratch tournaments and leagues. One of her biggest achievements was winning the National Golden Ladies in Las Vegas in 2000 and winning the first edition of the WIBC Senior Queens at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. With nine 300 games and a high series of 789, at the age of 70, Rose still maintains a very competitive presence whenever she bowls and has given lessons to hundreds of aspiring bowlers of all ages. With her pleasant demeanor and personality Rose is not only a sensational bowler, she is an exemplary role model and worthy of induction into our Hall of Fame.