

## Gary Gabriel

### Meritorious Service



Gary Gabriel began his love for bowling as a teenager, when he bowled on the Bonanza High School team.

Shortly after turning 17, he rolled his first **300** game at the infamous Charleston Heights Bowl. Two days later, he rolled another **300** game at the equally infamous West Hill Lanes. Not long after,

he scored yet another **300** in a **PBA Regional Tournament** at the world renown Showboat Lanes. Gary was quickly making a name for himself, and has earned two **Presidential Awards** for his bowling talent.

Among his greatest accomplishments as an adult, Gary earned an **Eagle** for **Team All-Events in the 1991 USBC National Tournament** in Toledo, Ohio. He also rolled another **300** game in the **SNUSBCA City Tournament** at the Suncoast Bowling Center. To date, Gary has amassed **twenty 300 games** and “only” two **299’s** - which means he mostly gets the job done on the 12th shot!

As a young adult, Gary worked at the Excellence Pro Shop drilling bowling balls and doing odd jobs to earn credit toward new equipment, as well as learning another important facet of the sport he loves.

Gary has bowled three or four leagues a season for his entire adult life, and has a huge sense of pride and leadership in the sport, and because of his dedication to his leagues, he has never missed a night of bowling for health reasons.

When the new Suncoast Bowling Center opened in 2000, Gary saw an opportunity to enter yet another facet of the sport that has since become a passion and a hallmark for what makes Gary Gabriel a viable candidate for the Hall of Fame.

He formed the Monday Night Men’s league at the Suncoast and was immediately elected **League Secretary** for the first time. His dedication, expertise and attention to detail soon landed him another position as Secretary of the Budweiser Tuesday Night Scratch league. Gary was able to secure sponsorships from Ebonite with the help of Ken Keegan, and Budweiser with Mike Kaufman’s assistance.

Gary is the consummate secretary. He takes the job very seriously, assuring all the rules are followed, all the money is where it’s supposed to be, and awards are secured for all bowlers that earn them.

No one was greatly surprised when Gary Gabriel was awarded the **SNUSBC Association Secretary of the Year for Large Leagues** in 2014.

Gary was offered a position at the K&K Pro Shop at the Suncoast. He was in bowling heaven. By day, he would drill bowling balls, and in the evenings he would continue to post high scores and serve as a truly exemplary league secretary - attributes and opportunities that are afforded so very few.

League bowlers, tournament bowlers and bowling center staff members and managers have great admiration for Gary as a secretary and a top player. For someone who loves the sport as much as he does, the time has come for Gary Gabriel to be included into the Southern Nevada USBC Association Hall of Fame.

## **Gary Gabriel League Service History**

1989-1991	Wednesday Drifters	President	Charleston Heights
1998-2000	Southern Knights II	President	The Orleans
2000-2008	Men's Sport	Secretary	Suncoast
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2008-2012	K&K Men's HDCP	Secretary	Suncoast
2008-2011	K&K Men's Summer HDCP	Secretary	Suncoast
2007-2008	Friday Fantastic Five	Secretary	Gold Coast
2007-2010	K&K Scratch (Budweiser)	Secretary	Gold Coast
2008-2022	Friday Nighters	Secretary	Gold Coast
2010-2012	K&K Ebonite Int'l. Scratch	Secretary	Gold Coast
2012-2018	Budweiser Scratch Inv.	Secretary	G C & The Orleans
2013-2015	A2Z Mixed 4's	Secretary	Suncoast
2014-2015	Partytime Summer	Secretary	Suncoast
2015-2023	NFL Partytime	Secretary	Suncoast
2018-2019	Pair With A Kicker Trios	Secretary	Suncoast
2020-2023	Gondola Mixers	Secretary	Suncoast
2021-2023	Gondola Mixers II	Secretary	Suncoast