

Kerry Painter

Superior Performance



Kerry Painter was born while his dad was a Marine stationed at the Panama Canal. His passion for bowling started when his dad took the kids to the lanes. Although he has no significant success as a youth bowler, Kerry honed his skill at an early age.

He attended George Mason University, graduating with a degree in psychology. During those years, Kerry began the arduous task of becoming not just a bowler, but a champion.

He went to work at the Post Office, and took a test for Air Traffic Controller and easily “landed” that position in Reading, Pennsylvania.

He moved to Las Vegas in 2000 and became an association member that year.

Kerry remained as an Air Traffic Controller for 18 years in Pennsylvania, and at Reid (McCarran) International for seven years before his retirement.

He found out the stresses of air control can be quelled by bowling, and his penchant for striking soon became evident whenever he took to the lanes.

In a 2007 interview in the *Las Vegas Review Journal*, Kerry was quoted saying, “I’d rather deal with getting that 12th strike than what I was handling at the airport.”

Getting that 12th strike has become a way of life for one of the most prolific local, national and international top-flight bowlers ever to shoe up on the lanes. At this writing, Mr. Painter has logged over **105 perfect games** on a plethora of lane conditions throughout the world. Along with that, he has posted **37 series of 800** or better.

One of those 300 games came in the 2006 SNUSBCA City Tournament. In that event, he also had an 11-in-a-row, and posted a **City Tournament record of 879**. Kerry has a 2nd place finish in the 2021 SNUSBCA Senior Doubles Tournament, and a 5th place in the 2019 City Senior event. In 2021, Kerry and Brian Cooper captured the SNUSBCA City Doubles Championship.

He posted an amazing **average of 243 for 66 games** in the 2010-11 Senior Match Point league at the South Point Bowling Center

His powerful strike ball has made quite an impact in league and tournaments throughout Southern Nevada for decades (see page 2).

Nationally, Kerry is a **1998/99 ABC Singles Champion**, a two-time Senior High Roller Champion, the 2011 Nationwide Stars Champion, posted a 300 game in the USBC Open Championships, and finished 11th in an Open Championships All Events as well. He has won the GFBC Fairbanks (Alaska) Open in 2011 and 2013.

Internationally, Mr. Painter has won three International Senior Classic Bowling Tournaments in Malaysia and finished 2nd in three events in Bangkok, Thailand.

As a PBA member, he became the oldest Exempt member during the years the PBA use the Exempt system. He won the **2010 PBA South Regional Senior** title, and also the **PBA Regional Doubles** title at Virgin River with SNUSBCA Hall of Famer David Haynes that same year. Kerry Painter has proven himself as an exemplary bowler and a dedicated competitor.

In addition to that, he has also proven to be an exemplary individual as well, helping bowlers of all calibers improve their skills.

During local and national events at the South Point Plaza, Kerry can be seen coaching and offering his extensive knowledge to many of the vast array of friends he has earned during his years as a true lover of our sport.

Kerry Painter has proven himself to all of us here in Southern Nevada that he has all the attributes to be honored in our Hall of Fame.



In 2010, Kerry Painter and David Haynes won the PBA Junior/Senior Doubles at Virgin River in Mesquite.

Kerry Painter has generated tons of excitement bowling in many Southern Nevada Leagues and Tournaments. Along with several 11-in-a-row achievements, here are many of his recorded accomplishments:

300 game 11/12/2019 South Point Bowling Plaza	800 series 255, 300, 278, 833 12/07/2010 South Point Bowling Center
800 series 267, 268, 278, 813 10/31/2019 South Point Bowling Center	300 game 247, 300, 257, 804 11/09/2010 South Point Bowling Center
300 game 300, 236, 268, 804 10/22/2019 South Point Bowling Center	800 series 247, 300, 257, 804 11/09/2010 South Point Bowling Center
800 series 300, 236, 268, 804 10/22/2019 South Point Bowling Center	800 series 266, 269, 278, 813 09/28/2010 South Point Bowling Center
300 game 279, 300, 203, 782 10/01/2019 South Point Bowling Center	800 series 279, 266, 279, 824 09/21/2010 South Point Bowling Center
800 series 259, 279, 265, 803 12/08/2012 Red Rock Bowling Center	300 game 300 01/05/2008 South Point Bowling Center
800 series 278, 258, 298, 834 12/07/2012 Red Rock Bowling Center	800 series 290, 300, 289, 879 02/18/2006 South Point Bowling Center
800 series 278, 266, 279, 823 12/03/2012 Red Rock Bowling Center	300 game , 300 02/18/2006 South Point Bowling Center
800 series 296, 290, 264, 850 04/17/2012 South Point Bowling Center	300 game 247, 247, 300, 794 01/23/2005 Gold Coast Bowling Center
300 game 300 07/18/2011 The Orleans	299 game 299, 279, 222, 800 10/31/2004 Gold Coast Bowling Center
300 game , 300 04/16/2011 The Orleans	800 series 299, 279, 222, 800 10/31/2004 Gold Coast Bowling Center
800 series 256, 300, 269, 825 02/01/2011 South Point Bowling Center	300 game 198, 300, 236, 734 10/22/2002
300 game 256, 300, 269, 825 02/01/2011 South Point Bowling Center	300 game 246, 300, 258, 804 11/11/2001
300 game 300, 215, 182, 697 01/25/2011 South Point Bowling Center	800 series 246, 300, 258, 804 11/11/2001



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Completes a Three-Peat by
winning the inaugural ITRC Super
Senior Classic in Arlington, Texas in
2013