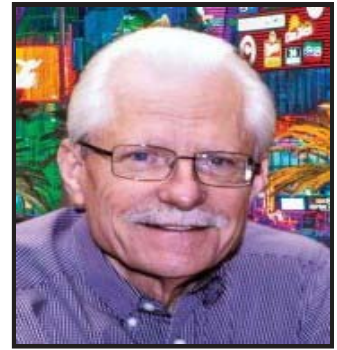


Mike Kaufman

Meritorious Service



Mike began his career with Boyd Gaming at the Sam's Town Bowling Center in 1988. As the manager of Sam's Town Bowling, Mike was instrumental in hosting a long list of prestigious events such as: LPBT/PWBA, PBA, High Roller, International Eliminator/Mini Eliminator, Bowling World Cup (1999, 2015, 2018), as well as many Las Vegas leagues from California. At the same time running a multitude of leagues and robust open play in a 24/7 environment.

In 2006 Mike was promoted to the position of Director of Bowling Operations for Boyd Gaming. In this role he was responsible for overseeing four bowling centers, Suncoast, Gold Coast, The Orleans and Sam's Town.

Each center has its own focus and demographics. The Orleans is very much a tournament and open play center. The Gold Coast and Sam's Town host destination business but also have a strong league base. Suncoast is located in a more residential area and has the strongest league base of the centers.

Balancing the demand for bowling events and the availability of each center became Mike's responsibility. During Mike's tenure as the Director of Bowling Operations he had a role in hosting events such as: USBC Team Trials, USBC Masters, PBA50 Senior US Open, Junior Gold, Collegiate Events, USA Bowling, TNBA Nationals, The Forty Frame Game, the BTM Tournament, High Roller, True Amateur Tournaments, Military Bowling Championships, USA Las Vegas Bowling Tournament and many more.

Hosting these events brought bowlers from all over the world to Las Vegas. The background work required to bring these events to fruition is staggering. Mike partnered with the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority on many events. There are contracts for each event that must be negotiated through the legal department, coordination of various departments for the needs of TV broadcasts, food and beverage needs, cleaning of the bowling centers, etc. Without this attention to detail, the events would not have been nearly as successful.

From Jim Goodwin, former Publisher and Editor of Stars & Strikes Newspaper. "As a bowling writer, PWBA employee, and media director for the Mini Eliminator, I attended the vast majority of pro and big events at Sam's Town, Orleans and Gold Coast. Mike was always there getting the work done and making sure we had all we needed for quality events. He quietly took care of business and did not seek the spotlight. No one has done more for bowling in Las Vegas than Mike Kaufman."

Eric Forkel

Superior Performance



Anyone who has followed bowling over the last few decades will certainly know the name of Eric Forkel.

Born and raised in California, Eric learned at an early age that he had the knowledge and talent to be competitive on the Professional Bowlers Tour, and proved it by winning **five PBA National** titles, and from 1992 to 2016, he won **27 PBA Regional** titles.

He is the holder of one PBA Major title - the **1992 PBA National Championship**.

His last title was a memorable one, not only for him, but for PBA fans around the globe. He won the very first ever outdoor PBA event - the **1999 NYC Experience** held in Bryant Park in Manhattan.

He is credited with posting more than 75 **300** games and more than **25 series of 800** or better. He set a record of ABC/USBC National events with an impressive **874 series** in the 1997 **ABC Masters**.

He twice made the list of the **Bowler's Journal All-American Team**. It's no wonder Eric Forkel was elected to the **Los Angeles Bowling Hall of Fame** and the **Southern California Bowling Hall of Fame**.

After leaving the Tour full time, Eric moved to Southern Nevada and became a member of the local association in 2004. Needless to say, he continued to bowl his way into area stardom by winning the **Nevada State Masters** senior division title six times, which earned him entries into the national USBC Masters Tournaments.

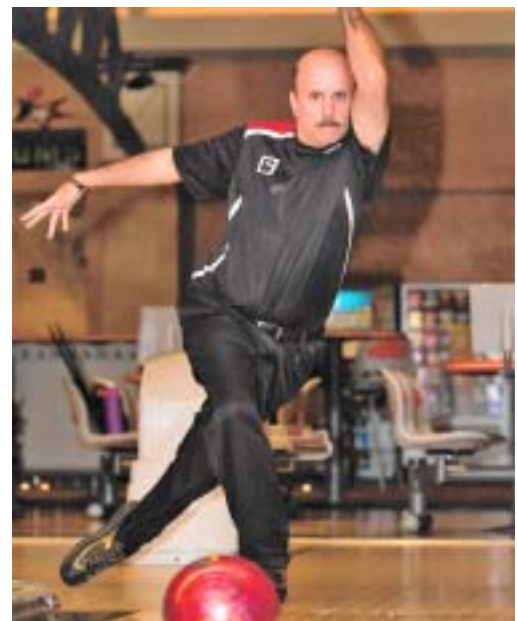
In the prestigious **Southern Nevada Bowlers Tour (SNBT)**, Eric has amassed **26 titles**, the second most of all time since the series began.

In the **Southern Nevada City Tournaments**, Eric won the **2008 and 2011 Scratch All-Events** titles. As a league bowler, his highest average was an impressive **246** in the 2019-20 season.

Even after turning age 50, Eric has not slowed down. In 2021, he won the prestigious **Southern Nevada Senior Masters Division I**.

Eric Forkel is a **USBC Certified Bronze Coach**, and with his work with fitting and drilling bowling balls for players of all levels as an employee of Bowlersmart in Las Vegas, he is eager and willing to offer guidance and valuable information to help bowlers improve their games.

The name of Eric Forkel would be a fitting and welcomed inclusion into the Southern Nevada USBC Association Hall of Fame.



Bernard Iwasczyszyn (Bernie)

SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE



Bernie Iwasczyszyn moved to Las Vegas in 1998, after serving 25 years in the United States Army Special Forces Airborne. He is a graduate of Austin Peat State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. He became an avid bowler in the Las Vegas area, displaying his skills in mostly Senior scratch leagues and high level tournaments.

In spite of several major surgeries that would normally impair top level bowlers, Bernie would always return to high level competition as soon as his doctors gave him the nod. This included a knee replacement, two hip replacements and most recently heart surgery.

His league activity in Southern Nevada is impressive. He averaged 232 in the 2009-10 season, and 233 in the 2010-11 season. Even shortly following his first hip surgery, he managed a comeback average of 202 in the 2014-15 season and is currently averaging in the mid 220's.

In the prestigious Senior Match Play League, Bernie is a three-time champion, and in the equal caliber Ken Bumpass Match Play League, a two-time champion. The past 2021-2022 HOF Senior Scratch League he managed a 4 to 8 place finish after his recent heart surgery at age 73. He also was a member of a winning team in the Budweiser Scratch Trio League.

Bernie Iwasczyszyn has nineteen 300 games, and six 800 series to his credit, with a high of 847. Las Vegas, the Bowling Tournament Capital of the World, is host to many outstanding high level bowling competitions, where bowlers can reap rewards in the tens of thousands of dollars. Over twenty-plus years, Bernie proved himself in several major events, and has an enhanced bank account to show for it. He managed two second place finishes in the High Roller 40 & Over Tournament and a 50 & Over event. Anyone familiar with High Roller tournaments knows how difficult it is to cash in these events, yet Bernie has managed to garner more than \$270,000 in earnings, including winning a Sweeper and an Early Bird event.

He also earned a television spot in the finals of a Steve Sanders Shoot-Out. Additional winnings in these events earned him another \$20,000 in prizes. Competing in the West Coast Senior Tours Bernie was a consistent casher and Winner of WCST stops at the Showboat, The Orleans and Gold Coast.

Another High Level Las Vegas tournament series is the High Roller Scratch Military Tournaments. As a retired Army veteran, Bernie has an impressive resume in these events. Among those accolades: A member of the winning team in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, and 2008. He also assisted his team in becoming the Team All Events Champion in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. This is in an event that hosts many of the country's top senior bowlers, a testimony to just how great a bowler Bernie has become in spite of physical speed bumps along the way.

Also in the Military events, he was the individual All Events Champion in 2002 and 2012 and Doubles Champion in 2002, 2009 and 2011. His list of accomplishments in the Military tournaments spans nearly two decades of exemplary bowling performances. His cumulative tournament winnings eclipses over a third of a million dollars – all earned after reaching the age of 50! Aside from being a great bowler,

Bernie Iwasczyszyn has proven himself to be a class act both on and off the lanes. His gentle demeanor and love of the sport has earned the respect of all bowlers. Whether it's teammates or opponents, Bernie is a friend to everyone, and is willing to offer advice to anyone who may ask. Bernie has an exceptional bowling history and personal qualities that are truly worthy of a place in the Southern Nevada USBC Association Hall of Fame.

Jerry Johnson

Superior Performance



Born in Michigan City, Indiana in 1965, Jerry Johnson comes from a family of exemplary talent. His uncle Marvin Johnson held the light heavyweight boxing championship in the 1970's. His uncle Ray White played lead guitar for Frank Zappa. His younger brother is a gifted and successful songwriter/producer.

Jerry was always sports nut. He played basketball, football and baseball in high school. He picked up bowling after watching his

mom and dad bowl in the late 1990's, and he instantly fell in love with the sport.

In March, 2005, Jerry posted his first 800 series, before his first 300 game.

In 2010, he decided to become a professional bowler, indicating it was one of the best experiences of his life.

After becoming a Pastor, his bowling dreams became somewhat restricted, as his Sundays are now devoted to church. However, he still takes advantage of every opportunity to compete at the highest level whenever he can.

As for that elusive 300 game, Jerry has now amassed 26 perfect games and a total of ten series of 800 or better. The number of 700 series he has posted are too numerous to recall, because a 700 series has become almost routine every time he shows up.

His accomplishments in the Southern Nevada and Nevada State USBC Associations include a Team Championship in the 2018 Nevada State Open, and he secured a 3rd place in All Events that same year.

In 2020, Jerry finished 4th in his division in the SNUSBCA Annual Doubles Championships. In the lucrative and prestigious Las Vegas Bowlers Tournament, Jerry posted a 1st and 2nd place in 2021 events.

The High Roller Military events are a huge event every year, and Jerry was able to capture a 1st place win in 2017.

Jerry has excelled in local scratch events, winning first place four times in the prestigious Southern Nevada Bowlers Tournaments. He has also championed two Amateur Bowlers Tour events.

As a tournament organizer, he sold out his very first event at the Texas Star Lanes. He also started the first Las Vegas Underground Bowling Association (UBA) franchise, and is now the Director of the franchise.

He bowls in most all local and state events whenever he can, and is a consistent casher in almost every event he enters.

As a bowler and a pastor, it is easy to understand that Jerry Johnson believes character and reputation are worthy attributes, and has been known to manage a league without taking any fees, giving back to the bowlers and the sport he loves.

Jerry always has a warm smile and embrace for everyone he meets. He is always ready to give back to the sport, and regards all his bowling people as special.

Jerry Johnson has proven himself to become an exemplary inclusion into the Southern Nevada USBC Association Hall of Fame.

Louis “Lou” Moretti

Superior Performance



In the early 1970's Lou Moretti joined the **PBA Tour** while living in Niagara Falls, New York. In his first year as a pro, he bowled in two **PBA Regional** events - finishing 5th in Jamestown, NY and 7th in Buffalo, NY.

The 1974 Fairlanes PBA Open was his first national Tour stop, where he cashed in 57th place.

With no job and unable to secure a sponsor, Lou moved his family to Las Vegas in 1975 and began a career in the gaming business.

Lou stayed active with his bowling. In 1980, he won the prestigious Singles Invitational league at the Showboat Lanes.

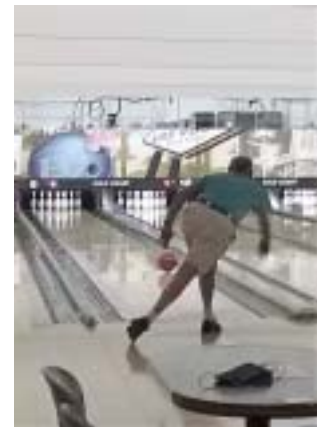
In the annual Las Vegas City Tournament (then SNBA), Lou was a member of the **Scratch Team Champion** in 1985 and 1990. In 1984, he and his partner won the **Handicap Doubles Division Championship**.

On the local tournament scene, Lou has excelled in the prestigious Southern Nevada Bowlers Tournaments (**SNBT**). At age 63, he secured an SNBT title in 2012 and then again in 2013. He has six top 3 finishes in SNBT events during the 2012-2013 period.

Lou has amassed a total of thirteen **300** games and ten **800** series. During the 2012-2013 league season, he tied with SNUSBCA Hall of Famer David Haynes with **5 series over 800**.

As so often happens, bowlers experience injuries that keeps them from the sport they love. Lou suffered a debilitating neck injury requiring surgery, which put a skids on his bowling for 7 years. In time, he was able to get back into bowling, and was recognized by Ebonite in an on-line article featuring his comeback, highlighting his amazing feat of bowling four 800 series in three different bowling centers.

Lou Moretti continues to remain active in area leagues and tournaments.



Lou Moretti posting another strike during an SNBT 5-Gamer in 2018

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
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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
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800 series 256, 300, 269, 825 02/01/2011 South Point Bowling Center	300 game 198, 300, 236, 734 10/22/2002
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300 game 300, 215, 182, 697 01/25/2011 South Point Bowling Center	800 series 246, 300, 258, 804 11/11/2001



Kerry Painter

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