

**NATION'S CAPITAL AREA BOWLING ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL RANKINGS
1986-1987**

	TOTAL PINS	TOTAL GAMES	COMPOSITE AVERAGE
1. Mark Glover	66,906	298	224.517
2. Richard Dodge	60,799	278	218.701
3. Jim Robinette	57,860	267	216.704
4. Terry Wiley	49,679	233	213.215
5. Jim Lewis	72,956	344	212.081
6. Larry O'Neill	67,622	320	211.319
7. Steve Sipe	72,252	343	210.647
8. John Tragert	91,598	435	210.570
9. Francis Carlin	68,325	325	210.231
10. Gary Harris	40,637	195	208.395
11. Roger Painter	43,326	208	208.298
12. Tyrone Brooks	79,298	381	208.131
13. William Michael	74,076	356	208.079
14. Richard Wolfe	63,351	305	207.708
15. Paul Nagel	58,952	284	207.576
16. Chris Ward	49,954	241	207.278
17. Russell Rose	63,190	305	207.180
18. Mike Whorton	69,978	340	205.817
19. Ronnie Brown	57,901	282	205.322
20. Mike Lindsey	46,694	228	204.978
21. Mike Warboy	42,367	207	204.671
22. William Kaelin	66,668	329	202.638
23. Jerry Francomano	48,774	241	202.382
24. Jess Richardson	58,856	291	202.254
25. James H. Long	43,594	216	201.824

MARK GLOVER, 31, Woodbridge...bowls out of Bowl America Woodbridge...been bowling 21 years...highs are 300 game, 816 series...averaged 232 for 66 games in the Wednesday Nite Mixed, and 231 for 87 games in the Tuesday Nite Bowlers, while "slumping" to a 214 in the NOVA All Stars at Annandale...the 2-5 is the spare he misses the most: "It's easy to chop"... favorite professional bowler is Dick Weber, "one of the greatest bowlers of all time," "one of the nicest persons you could meet" and "the image he sets as a professional is unsurpassed"...holds five PBA regional titles, including ones in Norfolk and Brooklyn in 1987...won the Va. State U.S. Open qualifier in 1985..."I think we need the bowling centers to have more scratch tournaments for the better bowlers. Sponsors can be gotten with a little work. The center could even have a pro-am before the tournament. These usually go over big and the pros are very willing to bowl. The pro bowler is one of the best promotions for bowling and should be taken care of."

RICH DODGE, 23, Woodbridge...calls Annandale Bowling Center home...been bowling 13 years...has rolled six ABC-sanctioned perfect games and has an 804 series...averaged 219 in the Thursday Nite Scratch Trio at Woodbridge and 218 in the NOVA All Stars at Annandale...2-5 pin combination is the spare he misses the most...favorite pro is Mark Roth, "for his ability to be consistent, for being such a great spare shooter, and for the ability to perform in the clutch"...in PBA regional competition, he has five 9th-place finishes, two 10th- and 12th-place finishes...believes no changes are needed in bowling today and that the association is very well run.

JIM ROBINETTE, 44, Alexandria...rolls out of Annandale...been bowling for 35 years...highs include a 300 game and an 812 series...averaged 219 in the NOVA All Stars and 213 in the Thursday Nite Scratch Trio at Woodbridge...most common spare missed in the 10-pin...favorite pro is Earl Anthony, for his ability to be good on any kind of condition: "He was the greatest adjuster of all time"...Also admires Marshall Holman for his smooth and powerful delivery...owns a PBA regional title, has won the *Bowlers Journal* doubles, and has many local tournament victories..."We have to do away with short oil and bring back the normal 30-35 feet of oil to make the execution of the shot more important than just getting the ball off of your hand. ABC needs to make adjustments in their regulations. Their rules are the problem."

TERRY WILEY, 24, Falls Church...rolls out of Falls Church...been bowling since age 12...has one 300, four 299s, and two 298s, and an 812 series...averaged 215 in the Tuesday Men's Commercial, 214 in the NOVA All Stars (both at Annandale), and 210 in both the Sunday Nite Mixed and the Friday Late Niters...toughest spare is the bucket...favorite pro is Marshall Holman: "I like his intensity--the way he gets fired up!"...has won and finished second in two Manassas tournaments; finished seventh in a PBA regional in Havelock, North Carolina..."Lane conditions must change. There are too many 220-average bowlers who aren't 220-average bowlers. They need to go back to gutter-to-gutter and longer distance (30-35 feet) oiling. This will decrease averages because then accuracy will be stressed, just it is for the PBA National Tour. I'm sick of listening to some of these guys who think just because they've got a high average that they can bowl."

JIM LEWIS, 20, Waldorf...rolls out of St. Charles...been bowling 8 years, with highs of 300 and 758...averaged 220 in the Southern Maryland Men's Commercial and 214 in the Friday Nite Late Starters, as well as 203 in the NOVA All Stars at Annandale...spares he misses the most are the bucket and the 3-6-9-10..."I respect Marshall Holman as being the best bowler in the PBA. I also have the greatest respect for a bowler like Gary Dickinson, who demonstrates true professionalism at its highest level. These attributes are also demonstrated by local professional bowler Richie Wolfe. He is a bowler I have great respect for because he is dedicated to the sport he loves and promotes it through his pro shop work. He is willing to practice and learn from others, and he's also fun to have around"...has made finals in two PBA regionals and two recent King of the Hill tourneys at Reston...was second in Metro D.C. Scratch Classic at Manassas in early '87...first in local cable-televised youth Ten Pin Challenge finals at St. Charles in 1984...see separate article for comments on changes needed in bowling.

LARRY O'NEILL, 41, Alexandria...doesn't claim any home centers...been bowling for 25 years...highs include several 300 games and 800 series, including an 838 series (NCABA record)...the 6-10 spare has been his nemesis for years...favorite pro bowlers are Dave Davis and George Pappas:"These two bowlers have the classic styles. Week-to-week, year-in and year-out, they made the best shots of all the bowlers on Tour. If bowling was a fair sport, these two would be the number one and number two money earners of all time, without a doubt!".MWBPA Invitational champions twice; 4-time U.S. Open qualifying champ; 3-time BOWL Magazine Tournament winner; holds 7 titles in both the NCABA Championship Tournament and the Don May Scratch Tournament...see separate article for comments on changes needed in bowling.

STEVE SIPE, 36, Falls Church...bowls out of Bowl America Falls Church...bowling for 29 years...has rolled six perfect games and has a high series of 821...at Falls Church he averaged 211 in the Commercial League, while at Annandale he ended with 211 in the NOVA All Stars, and 209 in the Tuesday Men's Commercial...the spare break he misses the most is the 10-pin...has no particular favorite professional bowler...finished fourth in the 1981 Fair Lanes Open at Woodlawn, rolling a 202 to Jay Robinson's 236 on the "Pro Bowlers Tour" telecast..."Bowling needs to go back to long oil." Too many bowlers are hitting the pocket by just being able to swing the ball to the right. Perhaps if they went back to oiling 35 or 36 feet, more emphasis would be placed on accuracy."

JOHN TRAGERT, 25, Gaithersburg...rolls out of Fair Lanes Shady Grove...has bowled for 7 years...recently rolled his first perfect game after beginning with the first nine strikes 20 different times...high series is 789...averaged 212 in the Tuesday Men's Commercial, 212 in the Twi-Nite Mixed, 209 in the Wednesday Nite Mishaps, 208 in the T.G.I.F. Mixed, plus a 209 in the NOVA All Stars at Annandale...the bucket —2-4-5-8— his most frequently missed spare...Marshall Holman is his favorite pro because "he probably is the most aggressive bowler on the Tour..."highest finish in PBA regional competition is 12th..."The biggest change needed in bowling today is to make lane conditions tougher. Based on my National PBA Tour experience, lane conditions in this area are not conducive to conditions there. Here, you get a false sense of security of just how good of a bowler one really is."

FRAN CARLIN, 29, Springfield...Annandale Bowling Center is where he calls home...been bowling for 16 years...has rolled seven perfect games...highest series is an 824...averaged 215 in the KTA Solar Classic at Fair Lanes Centreville, 209 in the Northern Virginia All Stars, and 205 in the Tuesday Nite Mixed at Bowl America Manassas...favorite professional bowler is Marshall Holman because of his intensity...winner of the all events crown in the Delaware State Tournament.

GARY S. HARRIS, 30, Woodbridge...home center is Bowl America Shirley...been bowling 23 years, with highs of 279 and 750...averaged 210 in the Thursday Night Early Men's Commercial at Burke, and 206 in Wednesday Men's Commercial...his toughest spare is "any combination where the 3 & 5 pins are involved"...favorite left-handed bowler is Earl Anthony because of his "smooth, consistent stroke," and right-hander Marshall Holman, for "his intensity and powerful release"...in 1975, he was an All-American youth representative for Virginia in the Open Division, also a regional alternate...2nd in scratch and third in scratch all events in Colonial Men's Tournament in Williamsburg in 1986...finished fifth in Staunton, Virginia scratch event this past October..."I feel that more lane inspectors are needed so that high game and high series scores can be checked immediately after they are shot. If the lanes are inspected the day after, this gives time for managers or lanesmen to alter the condition so the previous or blocked condition won't be found, and the scores pass. There is nothing worse than throwing a big game or set and having it turned down because of lane "doctoring."

Top Ten Finishes by Number One Ranked Bowlers

POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
Larry O'Neill	3	2	3	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	16
Jim Robinette	8	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	14
Mike Ladd	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	8
Steve Sipe	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	8
Ray Shackelford	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	6
Bobby Michaelson	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Mark Glover	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Jim Wolfe	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Elmer Breeden	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Larry Wallace	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2