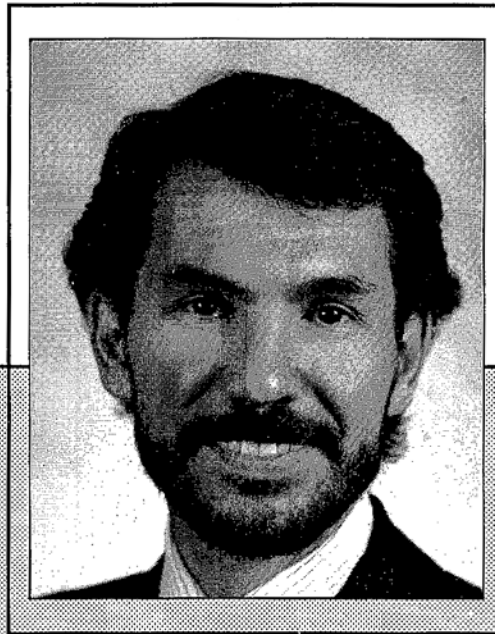


BOWL Magazine Profile: FRANK GALLO JR.



Age: 41

Birthplace: Brooklyn, N.Y.

Residence: Beltsville, Md.

Education: (high school) Fanwood School for the Deaf, White Plains, N.Y.; (college) Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., 1987

My first job: mechanic at my father's bowling center

Current job: computer programmer/analyst

Favorite magazine: Reader's Digest

Favorite food: steak and fries

I became involved in bowling when: my father owned a bowling center in New York

I decided to join the PBA when: I was nine years old and watched "Championship Bowling" on television. Then my dad took me to his weekly league. That's when I knew I wanted to be a pro. In 1972 I became the first deaf bowler to become a PBA member.

High game: 300

High series: 834 (290-267-277) at PBA Eastern Regional tournament in Phillipsburg, N.J. on Aug. 6, 1988

Touring pros I've known: Tommy Kress and Joe Berardi

Biggest thrill in bowling: my 300 game in the PBA mixed doubles regional event in 1981 at Paramus, N.J.

The bowler I admire most: Mark Roth. He's great. He can do it all.

Short oil: has made hitting the pocket much easier and has inflated scores. We need to go back to long oil.

My best lane condition: when the lane is newly resurfaced and has oil. I can roll the ball gently down the third board and just follow through.

My worst lane condition: really dry lanes

My biggest problem as a deaf person with bowling centers: At first it was difficult to get the particular pair of lanes I wanted to practice on. But as counter personnel got to know me, our communications became a bit easier. Also, I believe deaf bowlers often feel a little "lost" by not knowing what has been announced on the public address system. We always have to ask other bowlers if anything important has been said.

The situation improves for the deaf bowler when: we are told what is announced and when other bowlers stay around after the league session to share their perspectives on the lane conditions.

I think I'm the world's best deaf bowler because: I'll let my record speak for itself!

Professional Bowlers Association

- (national tour) 23rd in Syracuse, 1977 and 28th in 1978; (regional tour) 2nd in Lodi, N.J., 1977 and in Paramus, N.J. mixed doubles, 1981; 1974--5th; 1975--3rd; 1977--4th

Pacific Coast Deaf Bowling Association

- holds record of high scratch & handicap series of 746 and a 1,948 scratch all events total in 1982.
- Deaf Masters: 1973--2nd; 1980 and 1985--1st; 1984--3rd; holds record of high match game of 299 in 1981 and high match series of 512 in 1984

National Deaf Bowling Association

- World's Deaf Championship: holds 12-game qualifying record of 2,713 in 1987
- National Deaf Masters: 1974--2nd; 1980--3rd; 1982--2nd; 1984-85 and 1987--1st; 1988--3rd. 1987 tournament average--235; 1987 high two-game match series--551
- 4-Man Team Event: 1982--2nd; 1983--1st
- Doubles Event: 1980--1st. holds records of high doubles series (1,313), high doubles game (489), high series (793), and high game (279) in 1980
- All Events: holds record of 2,059 all events total in 1980

Eastern Association of Deaf Bowlers

- 5-Man Team Event: 1981 and 1982--1st (scratch); 1978--1st (handicap). record holder high team handicap series (3,320) in 1978; high team scratch game (1,096) in 1980
- Doubles Event: 1967-68 and 1985--1st (handicap). holds record of high doubles scratch & handicap series (1,332 & 1,386) in 1985
- Scratch Singles Event: 1981-82 and 1984-85--1st; 1983--2nd
- All Events: (scratch) 1970-71 and 1981-85--1st; 1972--2nd; (handicap) 1981 and 1985--1st; holds records of 2,101 scratch/handicap all events total in 1985