FRANK GALLO JR.

Frank Gallo Jr. considers himself "the world's greatest deaf bowler" and believes his record speaks for itself, listing titles in major tournaments for the deaf in years past from coast to coast. He noted occasional resentment of his success from a few competitors—his PBA membership since 1972 often was cited—but he did his best to ignore it.

In 1990, Gallo became the first individual to win both tournaments of the National Deaf Bowling Association in the same year—the World's Deaf Bowling Championship (handicap) and the Deaf Masters Bowling Championship (scratch). That was the last straw for the complainers, and since that time, every deaf tournament of which Gallo has become aware states "no pros allowed" in the rules.

Changes in the bowling game in recent years had an overall negative effect on Gallo's traditional down-the-boards game, but purchases of several balls with different weights and one specially made for the travails of heavy oil have helped him considerably.

Gallo, of Lanham, Md., who has rolled 12 perfect games with a top series of 834, currently bowls in approximately 20 PBA Senior events annually, and he also partakes in numerous other weekend competitions. He placed in the Top 8 in the recent PBA South Region Senior Alexandria Open at U.S. Bowling, and his last title was a Virginia-Maryland Scratch Bowlers Tour stop at Gaithersburg in February.

Modern bowling equipment is not the only thing new in his life: On April 4, 2004, Gallo was married while in Las Vegas for the ABC Senior Masters. He feels more relaxed and more comfortable having wife Angela with him because he was "lonesome and sometimes uncomfortable" with people in the tournaments for many years. Angela wears a hearing aid that helps her understand the comments of fellow wives, friends, and the bowlers—and she's also a great help with interpretation both ways when her husband deals with individuals at events. Her only regret is that she has missed seeing three of his perfect games since being married.

When he's not out seeking that first PBA Senior title, Gallo drives four hours each weekend to be with Angela in Newport News, Va., where they plan to reside after he retires from his computer programming position with the Internal Revenue Service in mid-2007.

Gallo discusses the "new PBA" and other topics on ncaba.org.

ON THE LANES

Bowling Ball: ROTO GRIP • Bowling Shoes: LINDS Bowling Accessory: DON CARTER GLOVE

BEVERAGES Soft Drink: COKE • Bottled Water: DEER PARK Sports drink: GATORADE

HOME

Car: CHEVY VENTURE • Coffeemaker: BLACK & DECKER Refrigerator: FRIGIDAIRE • Dishwasher: FRIGIDAIRE Microwave Oven: FRIGIDAIRE PROFESSIONAL SERIES Washer/Dryer: MAYTAG • Laundry Detergent: CHEER

ELECTRONICS

Computer: DELL • Television: RCA and ZENITH Internet Service Provider: COX COMMUNICATIONS Camera: HP C200 PHOTO SMART DIGITAL

CLOTHING, ETC.

Cost: EDDIE BAUER • Jacket: PACIFIC TRAIL Jeans: LEVI • Shoes: NUNN BUSH • Sneakers: REEBOK Tee Shirt: HANES

GROOMING PRODUCTS

Toothpaste: CREST • Soap: DOVE Shampoo: HEAD & SHOULDERS Razor: GILLETTE MACH 3 • Shaving Cream: GILLETTE FOAMY Cologne: ANDRE AGASSI and JOOP HOMME

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