

# The Best Bowling Tip I Ever Received

By Mike Marsico



The best bowling tip I ever received came from Gary “Guru” Parsons. I was about 18 years old, and I thought I was God’s gift to bowling.

Gary inflicted upon me the idea that I was not nearly as good as I thought I was, and I needed to calm down and *learn how to bowl*. Knowing that actually allowed me to move my own head out of my way and realize that everything you ever do in bowling is always an experience worth remembering—and also something to learn from.

Since Gary helped me to open up my mind, I have accomplished a lot of goals, the biggest one was becoming a member of Junior Team USA.

So just remember: When you actually think you are just *that* good, there is always something new to learn and always a way to improve yourself. Keep your mind open at all times, and you can go far in this sport.

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*As a junior bowler, Mike Marsico won Youth Scratch Invitational titles in 2004 and 2005 and placed second in 2006. Last season, he carried the highest individual yearbook average in the association—a 247 for 21 games in the Sunday Sports league at Lord Calvert Bowl. The right-hander had additional averages of 235 (27 games), 234 (102), 234 (78), and 233 (102) at that center plus a 215 (93) at AMF Capital Plaza. An International Bowling Pro Shops and Instructors Association Certified Technician, he also is a member of the Storm Regional Staff and the VISE Amateur Staff.*