

## Lance R. Emerson

At the ripe old age of five is when Lance Emerson began bowling with his siblings. Like so many young bowlers his age, Lance was inspired by the great Earl Anthony but it was his siblings that made him thrive to improve and be the best bowler that he could be. As a youth bowler Lance participated in many YABA tournaments where he won several times in singles, doubles, team and all-events. While attending Del Norte High School, Lance played football, wrestled and ran track but it was bowling that he had a passion for. As a kid bowling at San Mateo lanes Lance was encouraged by Don Sattler. There wasn't high school bowling when Lance was at Del Norte but he encourages current students by being an assistant coach with Valley HS and one year with East Mountain HS.

At 18 Lance became an adult bowler. Lance has bowled in numerous tournaments at the local, state and national level. Lance has been on six winning teams at the local level. At the state level he has been on three winning teams, won two doubles titles and one all events. For 10 years Lance did the Regional PBA, and during that time his best finish was second in McAllen Texas where he bowled a 299. Lance has participated in various events such as Strike it Rich where his team bowled a baker 300, the Puaque Match Up, High Rollers, TAT, the 10 pins match up and Monte Vista where he has finished in the top five the last three years. But it was during the 1993-94 season during the ABQ Bowlers Tour when Lance beat John Skidmore that gave him great pleasure.

Through Lance's adult bowling career of 23 years he has a composite average of 208.39. He has bowled in 11 states competitively, had 11 in row 19 times, 7 299's,

countless 30 closed, picked up the 7-10 split once, 72 -700 series, 12 -800 series, with his highest being 865 bowled this year. When you ask most people what they remember about their first perfect game it's the jitters, weak knees or the silence in the room that they remember .....but of Lance's 22 -300 games, his first is his favorite. Yes, he had the jitters and it was great to achieve it, but it was that he was able share it with his brother Randy.

In May, Lance, Bryan Brown, Kevin Richardson, Pete Sheardan and Ronnie Smith bowled a team series of 3791 for a city and state record, ranking them 6 in the country.

Friendship makes Lance want to continue bowling. He loves the numerous friends that he has established through the years. Lance has had the privilege of bowling with people like David Ozio, David Anthony, Derreck Williams and many of you in this room. Lance enjoys bowling because of the multi generations that the sport impacts. Lance can share his joy of bowling with his parents, his siblings, his friends, and his children.

Congratulations Lance