

## **SHIRLEY SNYDER**

**Shirley began bowling in the 1959-60 season. She belonged to the Starlite Ladies League at Valley Bowl and the Hiland Ladies League at the former Hiland Bowl. Over the years she served as the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sgt-at-Arms of many leagues. The last being the Ladybug Scratch League at Fiesta Lanes. She was also an employee at Fiesta Lanes for several years in the 80s.**

**Shirley was very active in both the 200 Club and the 600 Club. She also served for 4 years on the Board of Directors with the AWBA. She was selected as a National Delegate to the WIBC Annual Meeting held in Houston in the 1970s.**

**Shirley was a great competitor and participated in many tournaments including several WIBC National Championship Tournaments and different WIBC Queen Tournaments. One year Shirley ranked 49th in All-Events during the WIBC Women's National Championship. She may not have won, but she did bowl the highest game of the tournament with a 278.**

**She competed in many AWBA City Tournaments and NMWBA State Tournaments. She also participated in regional tournaments such as the Reddy Kilowatt Tournament.**

**Shirley was a member of the fabulous and successful Norma's Embroidery team. These ladies not only won many titles through the years, but also set many records as a team. In 1971 they held a game record of 1092. 1971 proved to be a good year for Shirley as she continued to make records, bowling a 730 series on October 4th, making her the 6th woman to bowl a 700 series in New Mexico. This was a record for the AWBA in Albuquerque. She missed beating the state record by 3 pins. This also marked her as the second highest series in the United States for 1971. On October 11, 1971, the team set the record for high team scratch game series of 1046 which ranked them 6th in the Nation. Their series that included that record game of 3020 ranked them Nationally 2nd. Her teammates included Barbara Donaldson, Barbara Zavichas, Glenna Nelson and Karlyn McPartlin. In 1972 she would be the first woman to bowl two 700 series.**

**Shirley won the 27th NMWBA State Championship Doubles with her partner Diana Silva. The ladies had a 1222 scratch. Sometime in the 70s, Shirley and Barbara Donaldson won the Western Open Doubles in Amarillo, TX.**

**Shirley was a charter member of the Dukettes Travel League. She was a trail blazer along with Barbara Donaldson and Caroline Casper, becoming the first three women from New Mexico to become members of The Southwest Women's Master Bowling Association, with headquarters in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. She participated in several National Professional Women's Bowling Association tournaments. Shirley was a member of the Copper State Bowling Association for several years in the early 80s. Shirley bowled several 700 series in her career and a 298 was her highest game. Her career high average was 196.**

**Shirley had many titles throughout her years bowling. Dee Miller and Barbara Donaldson put together much of this information in 1995. Through records and newspaper articles I was able to fill in some of the blanks. Shirley was married to her businessman husband Ray. Together they raised 4 boys.**

**Dee added that she had memories of Shirley as a great homemaker and interior decorator. She enjoyed baking. She baked cookies, rolls, and cakes beautifully. During Dee's mom's final years, she shared many of her baked delights with her.**

