

Matthew Millholen Superior Performance



Matthew Millholen was born on July 18, 1978. He grew up in the small rural town of Pleasantville, PA, playing a lot of baseball, tennis and golf. Upon graduating from Clarion University of PA in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, he moved to Maryland to begin his teaching career with Baltimore County Public Schools, later earning his master's degree in mathematics education from Towson University. With continued joy and passion, he teaches computer science and information technology high school AP courses and has over 25 years of teaching service. He met his wife the year he arrived in Maryland. They were married in 2004 and live in Bel Air with their twin children Andrew and Elizabeth.

His first interest in bowling started at a very young age with his grandfather, who had a collection of bowling instructional books and magazines. Matt studied from those books which started his journey of first learning about bowling. His grandfather's collection is now part of Matt's growing library of bowling knowledge and resources. Matt now uses his own bowling drill press equipment and tools to experiment and increase his knowledge of the sport of bowling.

He first joined a youth league in 8th grade at Lin Van Lanes in Titusville, PA, quickly developing the reputation for staying long after the other kids would leave to bowl many additional games. It was at these times on Saturday mornings and afternoons, and with the bowling alley to himself, that he developed his game and expanded the limits of his talent. He recalls the sounds of the Saturday afternoon PBA telecast combined with the sound of his pinfall echoing across the nearly empty bowling alley as being "a very peaceful and motivating way to begin to learn how to bowl. During those quiet moments in that empty bowling alley you could sometimes hear a pin drop, and they were my pins!" He was able to participate in youth tournaments and would consistently earn one of the highest bowling averages throughout his youth league seasons because of his early passion and commitment to the love of the game.

Matt gravitates to the best bowlers to always ask questions and get help whenever possible. He quickly notices the performances of many Cecil-Harford HOF and other great Maryland bowlers and credits much of the development of his game to those who were always willing to share their knowledge, answer his many questions, and talk about bowling and life. He is most grateful for their acceptance and friendship. Matt considers his fellow bowlers as part of his family.

He credits most of his bowling game development and knowledge to his bowling coach, mentor, and friend of 20+ years, Mike Lastowski. Matt says about Mike that "He has provided me with an infinite depth of resources for learning our sport and given enough advice and knowledge that multiple lifetimes will hold."

Matt's most memorable bowling moments were bowling his highest set of 856 during summer mixed league with his wife present, winning his first all-events Cecil Harford tournament title in which he posted 2234 pins scratch including a 299 and 300 game, almost bowling an 800+ series for three consecutive league weeks (806 on April 11, 2017) (811 on April 18 2017) (793 on April 25 2017), earning awards of merit for the highest association league average and series for multiple league seasons and qualifying to participate in PBA regional tournaments. He has also converted the 7-10 split during league play, is a USBC Certified Bronze Level coach, has served as a board member and league officer in CHUSBC for multiple years, holds multiple league high averages, bowled on league winning teams and has coached Allied Bowling teams for special education and at-risk high school aged athletes.

It is Matt's constant commitment to being a student of bowling, his coachability and desire to develop all aspects of his game, and his strong mental attitude, conviction, and unshakeable passion for bowling that has produced his best performances.

The Cecil Harford USBC Bowling Association is proud to induct Matthew Millholen into their Hall of Fame in the category of Superior Performance.

Matt's Accomplishments:

Cecil-Harford USBCBA Open Championship Titles

- 2018 Scratch All Events (2234 total pins 9 games including 299 and 300 game)
- 2015 Scratch Team (*3700 w/ Bob Evans Sr., Corey White, Chris McGraw, Scott Vinson) (*CHUSBC Assoc Record)
- 2015 Team Handicap
- 2012 Scratch Mixed Team (Chuck Tillman, Colleen Fino, Chrissy Bennett)
- 2014 Scratch Mixed Team (Colleen Fino, Chele Schirmer, Mike Lastowski)

Cecil-Harford 700 Club Titles

- 4 Scratch Singles
- Scratch Doubles (Colleen Fino)

Greater Baltimore USBCBA Titles

- 2015 Scratch Singles (793)

Maryland State Titles

- 2013 Mixed Doubles (Colleen Fino)

Additional Tournament Wins

- King of the Hill Scratch Singles Tournament Title (Taneytown)
- Sport Shot Singles Tournament (Forest Hill Lanes)
- Paid Spot Qualifier for PBA East Regional Tournaments held at Forest Hill Lanes (3 times)

Cecil-Harford USBCBA Awards of Merit

- 856 Highest Scratch Series (2011-2012)
- 835 Highest Scratch Series (2019-2020)
- 228 Highest Average (2014-2015)

Honor Scores

- 6 800 Series (highest 856)
- 6 300 games
- 13 11 in a Row games