

George W. Keene
Wichita
Kansas State USBC Hall of Fame
Performance - 2021

George was born June 15th, 1966, in Wichita, KS and currently resides in Wichita. He has bowled as long as he can remember and was launched into the sport by his parents, Dr. George Keene and Judy Keene at Crestview Bowl in Wichita, as lane 32 was used as a babysitting mechanism during his parents' league competitions, several nights per week.

He competed in YABA, YBA, and AJBC centers throughout Wichita, culminating in a victory at the 1984 Future Star Classic on local television and was the 1984 Star Bowler News Youth Bowler of the Year. George bowled collegiate at KU.

As a youth bowler, he was also active in promoting the local bowling scene as a columnist for the Starr Bowler News and Gold Pin Bowling News in the Wichita area.

George worked in the bowling industry at numerous centers in the Wichita area as well as a stint as the manager at the nation's first non-smoking center in Arlington, TX. He has also operated pro shops and provided bowling instruction. Membership-wise, George has served on both the KS USBC and local GPUSBC Board of Directors and was Tournament Director for a period of time on the local GPUSBC Board.

On the lanes, George is a 2 x Wichita Men's Bowling Association Bowler of the Year, 10 x All Star Team Member with 6 x Wichita City Tournament Titles, and 2 x KSBA State Titles. He has bowled 100+ Honor Scores including 4 x 300's, 1 x 299 and 1 x 800 in the Men's State Tournament.

One unusual achievement of note was breaking a Guinness World Record for pin fall in 24 hours at Flight Lanes in 1988.