

Gordon Vadakin
Wichita
KSBA Hall of Fame
Performance / Service – 1989

Gordon bowled as a native Wichitan in youth programs, in 1969 bowled the highest 3-game set in Kansas Junior Bowling history (up to then) a 702. He was a member of Wichita State University bowling team 1973 thru 1976 with 7-1st place tournament finishes. In 1975 he was Collegiate Region X1All Events Champion. In 1983, he placed third in All Events in the ABC National Tournament.

In his coaching accomplishments he has taken either or both Wichita State University Men's and Women's Varsity Bowling Teams to the National Collegiate Team Championships each year he has coached; women's national title in 1978 and 1986 and men's in 1980 and 1987. He started the WSU Bowling Scholarship Program in 1987.

He has served as a volunteer for the Young American Bowling Alliance as a Collegiate Bowling Field Representative serving a six-state area, 1985-1986, was the coach for an 8-member youth team (4 men & 4 women) who travelled to and competed in the 1st International Youth Bowling Championships in Manilla, Philippines in July 1988, the men tied for, and women won the Tgeall All-Events and also won 4 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal. Another important milestone for Gordon was his 755-pin series contribution to the 3,481-team series in the 1989 ABC National Championship Tournament on February 11, 1989, in Wichita, Kansas.