

Sharon Lee McDowell
Roach, MO – Wy-Jon
KWBA Hall of Fame
Performance – 1991

Sharon started bowling Junior League when she was 13. Sharon's mother, Virginia, was a great inspiration to her. She taught her the basics of the bowling game and always told her that if you develop good basics and pick up your spares, you can achieve success. Sharon said she was truly hooked on the game of bowling thru the grate achievements of her mother.

Sharon was a member of the Wy-Jon WBA for 27 years, at the time of her induction. Her High Game was 290, High Series 753, High Season Average 207. Her composite average in 1980 was 196.8. She has participated in the KWBA State Tournament 20 years. She was the Kansas State Women's Bowling Association Doubles Champion, open division in 1972 with a 1229. Set the all time record open class from 1963 until 1983. KWBA Singles Champion, Division 1, in 1985 with a scratch score of 659. KWBA Queens Tournament finishes: 2nd in 1983 and 3rd in 1984.

Local Level: Sharon was a KWBA State Youth Bowling Instructor 1966, 1967 and 1968. Served as an officer of the Wy-Jon 600 Club. 600 Club Singles Champion 3 years and Doubles Champion 2 years. Bowled the highest "First 600 Series" in 1966 with a score of 666. Bowled her first 700 series in 1979 with a score of 720. She has recorded over twenty 700 series. Wy-Jon City Championship Class A Team in 1971, 1984, and 1990. Wy-Jon City Championship Tournament All Events Class A Champion twice (in 1971 with a score of 1962 and in 1989 with a score of 1949). Wy-Jon City Tournament Class A Champion in 1989 with a score of 674. City Tournament "City Champion" All Events Scratch 5 times. The first woman to win the City Championship title three times and the first and only bowler to win the City Championship title for five times.

Local League Play: As captain of the Shawnee State Bank Team who set two WIBC National high scoring records in 1979-80 season with a high game score of 1128 and 3130 high series. These scores were high in the nation for WIBC. Team Captain for Compforms Inc., who set a high series in the nation for WIBC in 1985 with a score of 3323, a 222 average per person. This ranked 4th on the all time National WIBC scoring record list. Bowling on the Hunter's mixed bowling team, who currently has the high series in the nation for the 1989-90 season with a 3339 series, an average of 223 per person. Sharon bowled a high score WIBC triplicate series in 1987-88 season with a 699 series, a 233 game triplicate.

Sharon won the Kansas State Qualifying Tournament for the US Open in 1985. Bowled the highest game for amateur in Open Event of 279.

Sharon was inducted into the Wy-Jon WBA Hall of Fame in 1990 for Superior Performance.

One of Sharon's fondest moments in bowling was the 1990 Wy-Jon City Tournament when she, her mother and 2 daughters and a friend won the Class A Division Team Event.

Currently after 19 years retirement, due to a shoulder injury, Sharon began bowling again in 2015, as a member of Missouri State Bowling Association.