

William "Bill" Jansen
Great Bend
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Bill began bowling in youth leagues in 1963 and began bowling Men's leagues in 1968 in Dodge City. He has bowled in every league possible in Great Bend and bowled five nights a week until the last few years. He still holds the house high series of 830 which he bowled in 1993 back when the resourceful balls were not quite as common as they are today. Bill has bowled numerous honor scores but the perfect 300 has eluded him, although he has bowled several 299's. Bill has carried a 195 plus average his entire career until the last few years.

Bill has held every office possible on the local level, League Secretary, League Vice President and League President. He has also been on the local Board of Directors holding several positions which include Vice President, Director, and Committee Chairman.

Bill has been a tournament bowler as well. He has bowled 26 Consecutive National Tournaments, Springfield Open 26 times, State Tournament more than 25 times and every Great Bend City Tournament since his arrival in Great Bend. Bill was a member of the 1997 State American Legion team that took first place and Bill won All Events and Singles in the 1999 Mixed State Tournament.

Although Bill has loved to bowl, Bill's greatest joy is not bowling the honor scores or carrying the high average. The most important thing to Bill is meeting new people and making new friends while enjoying the sport of bowling. The best friend of all was meeting his wife Shirley, who he met on the bowling lanes.