

Fran Wolf-Deken
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Kansas State USBC Hall of Fame
Performance – Service - 2019

Fran began her adult bowling career at the University of Iowa where she won national collegiate titles in Doubles (1962), Singles and All Events (1964). While living in Iowa after graduation she won the Iowa State Match Games in 1971.

She has two sons, Paul and Charlie Wolf, Fran moved her family to Overland Park, Kansas, in 1973, a year after she became a widow. As a Wy-Jon WBA member she created a weekly newspaper called the Mo-Kan Bowler, where she gave the latest news regarding leagues, scores and bowling happenings for both Greater Kansas City, Mo. And Wy-Jon County Kansas. As a Wy-Jon member she won Kansas Women's State Championship Singles in 1974 and Kansas State Queens in 1978. As a member of the Electro Bumper Plating Team, she helped win state team titles in 1980, 1983, and 1984.

Fran joined the Professional Women Bowlers Association in 1973 and became their tournament director in 1981, in 1986 she moved to Las Vegas to be near family and in 1991 she worked at the Showboat as Group and Tournament Coordinator. She did a stint as Operations Manager of the National Bowling Stadium in Reno after leaving the Showboat and late in 2001 she returned to the PWBA as tournament director until its demise in 2003. Earlier in 2001 Fran was selected to represent the US in the 16th Maccabiah Games in Israel where she won gold medals in Singles, Trios and All Events as well as silver in Doubles and Team.

In 2004 she also won gold medals in the Pan American Maccabiah Games in Doubles, Trios and Team. She also captured first place twice in the Super Senior Division of the Golden Ladies in 2005 and 2008. She is a 3-time winner of the Tulsa City Seniors Championships, winning in 2009, 2012, and 2017.

Inducted into Halls of Fame's USBC and PWBA for service, Southern Nevada, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Greater Kansas City, Mo. For performance.

Honors:

- 2001 BWAA Senior Bowler of the Year
- 2001 Yetty Bennett Sportsmanship Award Maccabiah Games
- 2010 Remo Pichiatti Humanitarian Award BWAA
- 2016 Hennessy Award of Merit IBMA

Has served on the USBC National Hall of Fame Committee since 2006