

Mary Lou Larsen  
Kansas City, Mo / Wy-Jon  
KWBA Hall of Fame  
Performance – 1999

Mary Lou began bowling in Junior bowling at the Plaza Bowl in Kansas City, Mo., where she won champion titles and received 23 trophies. Mary Lou joined an adult league with her mother in 1962 and on the first night of league play and in the first game, shot a 300 game and a 612 series. This is still the national record for the youngest WIBC bowler to have a sanctioned 300 game. Mary Lou also bowled a 300 in our 1998 KWBA State Tournament, and a 730 series. This is the third 300 bowled in the 55 years of KWBA State Tournaments. Mary Lou holds the national's longest span of 36 years between 300's.

Mary Lou bowls in both Kansas and Missouri and has several Missouri State Team titles. In Kansas, she has state tournament titles in 1980, 1983, 1987, and 1988. In 1982, she won the KWBA Doubles event with Dina Wheeler. Her high series of 784 was on a Wy-Jon league. Her 1997-98 league average was 207. Mary Lou won the Sportsmanship Award in the Women's Master Invitational League in 1980. She was secretary-treasurer of the Great Plains WBA Semi-Pro in 1985 and has been a member of the Wy-Jon WBA for 25 years. Also, she is a member of the Greater Kansas City WBA Hall of Fame 1998.

Mary Lou remembers one special event when they entered the Mickey Finn Open held at North Kansas City Bowl. It was a team event open to men and women, but under one division. Her all woman's team won first place for \$ 3,500.00. The men were not too happy, to say the least.