

"Superior Performance"



Marty Letscher was born on November 6, 1956 in Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Paul and Ann Letscher. Because Marty's dad was enlisted in the Army, they lived in Alaska, New Mexico and Germany before finally settling in Aberdeen, Maryland in 1968.

Marty's parents, as well as many of his relatives were very active and outstanding bowlers, and they helped fuel his interest in the sport. Many joined his first bowling league at age 11 when he became a member of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Junior Program that was

run by his mother. At age 12, Marty won his first State Tournament, and continued to win many more Local and State titles until he moved up to the adult leagues at age 18.

While attending Harford Community College he realized that he really wanted to pursue his dream to become a professional bowler. During this same time he also decided to join the Bill Snavely Scratch League at Harford Lanes, where he was a member from 1974-1995.

Marty shot his first 300 game in this league in 1978 at age 21. He was a member of many other leagues over the years at APG Lanes, Bel Air Bowl, Edgewood Lanes, and several leagues in Baltimore.

Through the encouragement of his good friends Eddie Davis, Joey Ciufio, and Bob Marshall, Sr., Many began bowling in PBA Regional Tournaments in 1978 and became a touring member of the PBA and toured full time from 1981 to 1984 when a shoulder injury forced him to cut back on the full time schedule.

He won his first Regional title in 1982 in Schnectady, N.Y., and continued to win 6 more Regional titles in the Eastern Region, Southern Region, and Central Regions, with the last title in Louisville, Kentucky in 1998. He also made the Resident Pro Team for the Eastern Region 4 times. Winning the National Resident Pro title in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1992 earned him a berth to the Firestone Tournament of Champions in Akron, Ohio in 1993, which became the last time that this tournament was to be sponsored by Firestone.

Marty was also a 3rd place finalist in the PBA National Championship in Toledo, Ohio in 1991. In 1998, along with his pal, Tim Criss, he made the finals in the U.S.

Open where Marty finished 3rd. Marty has had numerous top 24 finishes throughout his career, and continues to hold membership in the Professional Bowlers Association.

In 2001 Marty received the American Bowling Congress National Tournament 25 year participation award.

Marty also owned the Pro Shop at Bel Air Bowl from 1986 to 1995 where he developed many friendships with the bowlers from the area and expresses his gratitude to Pres and Mary Coale for the opportunity to run his business in their bowling center.

Sarah Parker and Marty were married in 1994 and have a daughter, Rachel age 8 and a son, Andrew age 4. Many realized his dream of someday owning a Bowling Center in 1995 when he and his family moved to Niles, Ohio and purchased McKinley Lanes.

Marty is a current member of the Central PBA region where he continues to bowl competitively. He now has 26 three hundred games, Team and Singles titles in the Niles Men's Association and many other local tournaments. He has 6 eight hundred series, with the highest being 835. His highest book average has been a 234 in 1999. Marty feels that the bowling industry has been good to him, and he wants to thank his long time coach, Bernie Smith for all the help that he has given him with his game and for his friendship.

He has made many friends throughout his years of traveling and bowling, but feels that Harford County is his home.