

BRIAN WALICZEK- SUPERIOR PREFORMANCE



Brian Waliczek of Frankenmuth was born into a bowling family in Wichita, Kansas. His grandfather and father both owned bowling centers. His father was the person responsible for Wichita State establishing the Shockers collegiate bowling program. Brian, his siblings and cousins would all become bowlers who excelled at the game. Brian's brother Lonnie would become the first to show his prowess on the lanes. His sister, Mishca would prove herself in the sport as well by winning in the old Coca-Cola Championships for a couple of years in the state and national levels. In her senior year in high school, she went all the way to the finals where she finished second and won a berth to the Western Hemisphere Championships. Mishca would win the Western Hemisphere Championships where her bowling career would end. In the fall, she went to college on a soccer scholarship.

What about the cousins? Billy Murphy has bowled on the pro tour and his brother, Chad works in the bowling industry. Yes, that Chad Murphy.

The family would move from their native Kansas in pursuit of the bowling business first to Syracuse, New York and then to Saginaw, MI. Brian would chose to stay in Michigan to go to college at Saginaw Valley State University. His freshman year, the team would win the National Championship and Brian would be named Rookie of the Year and make First Team All-American. Brian would continue to make the First Team All-American list his sophomore and junior years as well. Brian's senior at SVSU he would be named an Academic All-American.

Brian met his wife Jill, at SVSU through student government and other clubs. She pursued degree in education and the couple decided to settle in the picturesque city of Frankenmuth. Jill taught at the elementary school for 13 years, later becoming the principal of the school. In a full circle kind of way, she is now a professor at Saginaw Valley. The Waliczek's have three children who are involved in a lot of activities. Presently, Bri-an works for a commercial insurance firm that services bowling centers in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana.

After college, Brian did try his luck on the tour and had moderate success. He would decide to stay closer to home to pursue his bowling career. This decision would produce a phenomenal bowling career. Brian's state bowling career includes 3 team titles, 1 doubles titles, 1 singles title, and 2 all-event crowns. Brian's has bowled in all but one Michigan State Masters Championships and was the champion in 2012 and the runner-up in 2017. In local competition in Saginaw, he has eight city championship titles. In USBC national competition, Brian's star has shown bright. Brian and his team own 2 team titles and 1 team all-events title. Just last year Brian claimed the Individual all-events title. He is currently 11th in average on the USBC lifetime leader board at the USBC Open Nationals. Brian's favorite titles are team titles. He likes the idea of sharing the joy of the win with his teammates.