

Andy Schnebelt

Superior Performance

In 1978, a young boy went to Airport Lanes in Jackson and stood in line to get autographs from two Detroit Tiger pitchers, Mark "The Bird" Fidrych, and John Hiller. After the autographs were signed, the group went bowling. That was the day a little boy gave up baseball dreams for bowling dreams.

Andy Schnebelt knew by the end of that fateful day he wanted to bowl, and he joined a youth league. Little did that young man know how that decision would lead him here today. Andy loved the game and bowled in leagues in the Jackson area for many years. He considers Airport/Jax 60 his home away from home.



Andy's accomplishments on the lanes include six Michigan State USBC Open Team Championships, two Jackson Bowler of the Year honors, and four Jackson Master titles. He has won numerous local tournament titles including two Alro Steel titles and three Jackson BA team titles. Andy has 42 - 300 games and 32 - 800 series to his credit. Of all his titles, Andy cherishes the team titles the most. He loves the camaraderie of team bowling.

Andy went to East Lansing for college and to bowl for the Michigan State Men's Team for three years. The team was a club sport, but they would enjoy success on the lanes finishing for 3 years in the top 10 in the nation. After his college days were done, Andy came home to Jackson and resumed his bowling endeavors. One interesting bowling side gig started around 1994, when Andy would become Mel Wolf's side kick on a local radio show called "In the Pocket". The radio hosts would discuss different bowling topics on each show. This partnership also started a high school tournament which has become the biggest high school tournament in Michigan. The tournament, which is still operating today, invites high school bowlers from all divisions, and from all over the state, to compete together. The tournament is named for his friend, Mel Wolf. The biggest bowling side gig, and the life changer, however, is when Andy pursued coaching. Andy became a USBC Bronze level coach and followed it up the next year by becoming a Silver level coach. Andy did not stop there with coaching credentials; he added three Kegel Master Classes to his resume. In addition to his coaching, approximately twenty-five years ago, he started his own pro shop in Jackson and now owns 2 more in Indiana. The pro shop in Jackson includes a training center which keeps Andy very busy. He is a highly sought after coach. Among the current client list is a gentleman named Kyle Troup. He is on staff at Spring Arbor College. He also works with bowlers from Cleary, Trine, Olivet, Concordia, and Alma, colleges. He has coached over 30 high school individual champions and 10 team champions. Andy's training center offers lessons for all, and he is consistently booked.

Andy Schnebelt is a well-rounded Michigan bowler. He has excelled in the game of bowling by participating, being a member of the media, promoting the sport, and coaching to improve other's techniques. Welcome to the Hall of Fame, Andy Schnebelt and thank you for all your efforts for the game.