

2014 Tournament Dedication



This year's tournament dedication goes to someone who was welcoming to, any and all bowlers throughout the 43 years of his bowling career- **Rich Dalman**. We honor the memory of Rich, and let his family know; even though he has left us...he will be remembered for everything he did for Holland bowlers.

Rich began bowling in 1970 on the Thursday Nite Duets league with his wife Sue. It soon became a family affair as he bowled with siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews and his children as they came into their adult years. At one point he was secretary for three different leagues. Rich started this season out as secretary for the Monday Nite Men's and Friday Nite West Ottawa leagues, and his son Tod has now taken them over.

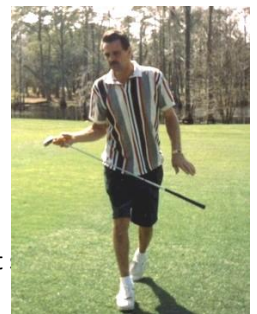
Rich always enjoyed his job as league secretary, and always felt he did his best to promote the sport of bowling; including: "rounding up" bowlers every year to fill his leagues, being a FAITHFUL league secretary who showed up EVERY year at the fall meeting for secretaries, and getting those league averages in right after the league was done. He was selected as "Secretary of the Year" in 2003, by the GHBA Board of directors.

No slouch on the lanes! Rich managed a couple wins in the City tournament in his career.

He also had a high game of 298 and 739 series. While reminiscing of his days at the lanes, his wife and children remember how he was known to grumble and fuss about lane conditions. And the next sentence was a story of how he had thrown the ball through his legs, upside down and backwards during league years ago alongside a good friend and fellow bowler to lighten the mood of the night.

Not only a bowler; Rich was eager to unzip those zip-off pants to shorts and get to swinging those clubs. His unconventional golf swing was something not to be forgotten. He even achieved a hole-in-one about 16 years ago.

Also a secretary for a golf league, he loved being out on the course during the bowling off-seasons.



Being there for his family and teammates trumped just about anything. From showing up to run a banquet day after hernia surgery, or to bowl league hours after getting in a motorcycle accident that resulted in a broken wrist!! Talk about dedication.

But beyond any of his bowling or golf achievements, he was most proud of the time he spent with his family and friends. He spent the last 40 years bowling several nights a week with his wife, children and friends showing his infectious smile, giving hugs and earning the respect of many league bowlers with his dedication to them. So the GHBA is proud to dedicate this tournament to Rich and to let his family and friends know how much he will be missed, because the nicest thing we can say about Rich is just that – HE WAS SO VERY NICE.

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Sue and Rich traveling together

