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[^0] Tenth Frame Editorial: Tribute to Roger Hyde

On March 20th, 2024 northern Indiana lost a local bowling icon Roger Hyde. Roger Hyde was a strong scoring \& serious amateur player of the sport bowling thirty 300 games and numerous pot games. He always preferred the low scoring tournaments over high scoring tournaments. Back in 1977 in high school he bowled the American Junior Bowling Congress state of Indiana tournament. He came in third overall with future PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby winning the tournament.

When my dad expressed interest in joining the PBA Pat Alexander and Bus Oswalt wrote letters for him to join the PBA. Roger got his PBA card in the mid-80's. He bowled several PBA regionals. However he did not make it out on the PBA Tour. Roger Hyde did not make match play in any PBA regional as a member of the PBA. In 1993 he got a spot in the Fort Wayne PBA regional. In the first round of qualifying he averaged 235 during the break my family and I went out to lunch. My dad and I were talking about how the lanes were going to change. My dad did not expect on the next squad that no one would be bowling where he was. In fact this was the case nobody was bowling in the same part of the lane. At that point he knew he was going to have he a good block for his second round of qualifying. The next day he went in and practiced the shot that he was playing the day before was not there. In match play he would beat bowlers Troy Stus, Scott Devers, Eugene McCune, and the hometown pro Jeff Dreyfus.

In 1996 Roger had the opportunity to bowl the US Open. In 1999 Roger won the Indiana State scratch singles tournament with a score of 789 . Which was a state record at the time. At that time they had an event for the amateurs of the US Open. He won that part of the tournament. In the late 90's to the mid 2000's. He started managing bowling tournaments for the Tournament Bowling Tour. At one of these tournaments there were 84 bowlers. The second season of the tournament we got Brunswick to be a sponsor of the tournament. Brunswick would give us a ball to raffle off. The money that was collected would go toward the end of the year prize fund.

Roger also owned a local pro-shop being located at Holiday Bowl and even at home and also gave lessons on bowling to local amateurs.

On a more personal note both my dad and I won Adult-Junior No Tap Tournaments back to back. He was a great dad. He taught me everything about the sport of bowling. For any of the bowling fans that read this newsletter Roger and Josh Hyde are the guys who know the ins and outs of the sport of bowling and hope that what you have learned here goes out on the lanes and that you do your best.

Roger Hyde's 300 Game \& 800 Series Watches and Rings



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