

Butte's Hodges inducted into Bowling Hall

On May 18, 2013 Mark Hodges became Butte's 35th bowler to be inducted to the Montana USBC Hall of Fame.

Mark was inducted with now fellow Hall of Famer, Rob Lee of Livingston. As in most sports, an individual's recognition is determined by their skill, ability, accomplishments, and giving back to the sport.

The Montana USBC Hall of Fame Committee recognized all of those components in Mark's resume. Mark was inducted by his long time doubles bowling partner Pat O'Rourke. Pat's induction speech brought back a lot of good memories and laughs.

Mark's acceptance speech was heartfelt and he could not thank everyone enough. Mark was sure to remember and thank everyone that helped him, present and past, reach the pinnacles that he has attained in the sport of bowling.

Mark has been a long time icon in the sport of bowling in Butte and Montana. Mark has accomplished and attained some of the highest accomplishments that one can achieve in the sport of bowling. He currently bowls 2-3 nights a week and is averaging a stellar 230+ each night.

An attempt to give some insight to Mark's prowess on the lanes is shown here. Locally, Mark has won every tournament or event numerous times. He is the eight-time and defending champion of the annual Bill Meagor Peterson Classic Tournament. He has been on record setting teams at a local and state level, most recently at last year's State Tournament where he was an integral part of the record setting championship team.

Here are some additional highlights in Mark's bowling career:

Honor Scores

300's – 20 since 2001

800's – 13 since 2001

Highest Average – 237

Highest Series – 855

(NOTE: USBC records are only available online from 2001 forward; this is only a glimpse of Mark's honor scores)

Tournaments

Ringin' 10 Scratch Classic – Champion of this prestigious tournament

John Willy Scratch Classic – Three time Champion

US Open Qualifier – Two time Champion

Masters – Champion

State Tournament – Two time team champion, Doubles champion with Pat O'Rourke, Scratch Singles Champion, and Four Time All Events Champion

For more information on local bowling and tournaments visit ButteUSBC.com

— *Submitted by Keith Meagor*