

Jimmy (Jimbo) Michael Evans

Jimmy (Jimbo) Michael Evans was born in Lubbock, Texas on April 24, 1962 to parents Jimmy and Patricia Fox. He began bowling at the early age of five. His titles began in 1979 when as a youth bowler; Jimbo won the 1979 Amarillo PBA Open Junior Pro Am tournament. He was named Bowler of the Year in Hereford, Texas the same year. In 1980-81 season, he earned a scholarship to West Texas State University for his bowling skills.

A strong, competitive bowler, Jimbo joined ABC at age 17. His talent on the lanes earned him his first All Events and Team Championship titles in 1981 in Lubbock, Texas. In 1983, Jimbo and his partner won the City Doubles title.

Jimbo relocated to Houston in 1984 and continued his winning ways. He has won numerous city titles including singles (Pasadena), doubles (Lubbock - 1, Pasadena - 3). He has also claimed 7 team titles (Alvin/Pearland - 1, Lubbock - 1, Houston - 1 and Pasadena - 4). Jimbo has been fortunate enough to have city all events titles in four different associations including Lubbock, Galveston, Alvin/Pearland and Pasadena. Jimbo's accomplishments don't stop on the local level. He captured the 1991 Texas State BA Doubles and All Events titles as well as the Texas State BA Singles title in 2000. Jimbo has also held high average awards in all of the mentioned associations with the highest being in Houston in 2002 with a 241.33 for 81 games. He also has two high average awards in Pasadena.

Jimbo joined the ranks of the Professional Bowlers Association in 1982 and has won seven Southwest Region titles. In 1990, he was honored with the Southwest Region Pat Patterson award for outstanding sportsmanship and contributions to the Southwest Region.

In 2000, one of Jimbo's proudest moments came when he became the youngest member ever to be inducted into the Texas State Bowling Hall of Fame. He followed up in 2005 and was inducted into the Houston Bowling Hall of Fame.

Jimbo has numerous other tournament accomplishments including a Generation GAP Championship with 4 youth bowlers. Jimbo has been a member of the Ebonite, Visionary and Brunswick Staffs over the years. Jimbo has averaged 200+ for 30 consecutive years. His honor scores include 13 - Eleven in a row, 4 - 298 games, 12 - 299 games, 46 - 300 games (12 in PBA competition) and 22 - 800 series with 846 recorded as his highest.

Jimbo and Sunday will be married 19 years in March. They are one of a few husband/wife teams in the Pasadena Bowling Hall of Fame. They stay busy watching Jeremy (22) create his own bowling resume and enjoy watching Jericka (9) growing up, playing softball, singing or whatever her ever changing interests may be.

