

# April Fool Ya Bowling Event

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On April 5th we had our first annual April Fool Ya bowling event at Plaza Bowl on Droste in St. Charles. The event was organized by John and Cameron Grissom. Both are avid bowlers.

It was a fun event aimed at bowlers of all skill levels. It was very well attended with a total of 26 participants. John had arranged for us to have 4 lanes dedicated to Gateway from noon to 2:30. So it was as many games as we could bowl in that time frame.

I had not been bowling in years. I think the last time I bowled was somewhere around 2015 at the bowling alley at the Ritz Carlton in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. (There bowling, like most activities are segregated by gender. So the men bowl in one ally and the women in another). So, given that I had not picked up a bowling ball in over 10 years, I was not expecting much. I was having troubles with the loaner balls there at the bowling ally so Brian let me borrow his personal bowling ball. That one was perfect for me and I started doing a bit better.

Better, of course, is a relative term. What we quickly learned from where I was bowling with Paula, Brian, and Amy is that Gateway members Allen and Pam Neal are really good bowlers! Essentially they were at a whole other level compared to the scores we were getting over in the Winslow/O'Sullivan lane.

Speaking of the bowling in our lane, Amy's bowling style was very different from anyone I have ever seen. Most of us are trying to get the ball down the lane as fast as we can. Amy's technique was to send the ball down much more slowly. It seemed to work well for her as she won one of the games we played pretty convincingly. That technique also won Amy an award at the end of the event.

At the end of our time, Cameron passed out awards that he had made himself. The



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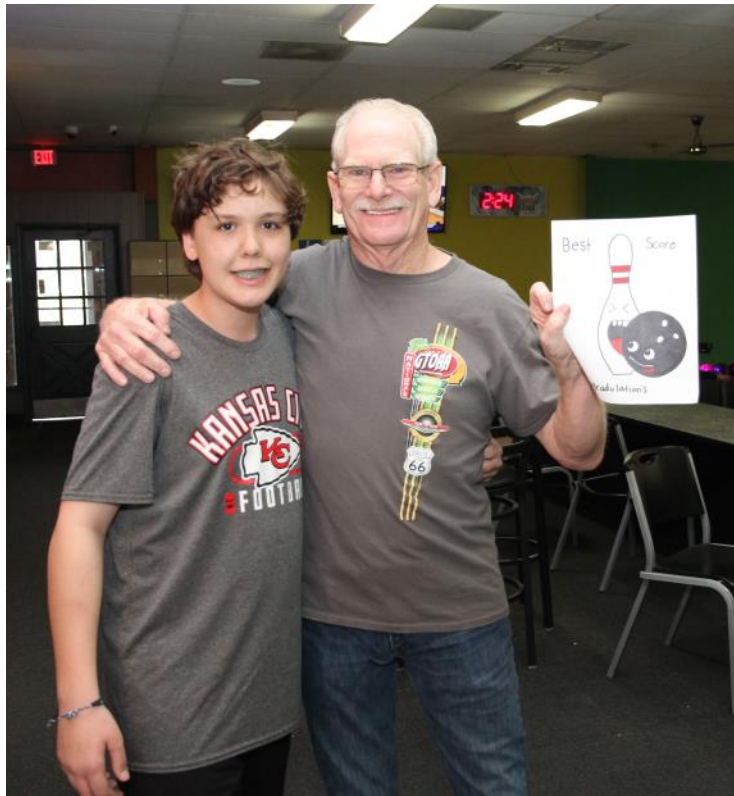
awards winners were:

Best Score - Awarded to Allen Neal

Best Spare - Awarded to Rich Vie

Slowest Ball - Awarded to Amy O'Sullivan

Everyone at the event had a really great time so hopefully this will become an annual event for Gateway.



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