

Vel Brown

VEL GREW UP IN INDIANA AND MOVED TO TEXAS APPROXIMATELY FORTY YEARS AGO. SHE MET HER HUSBAND OF 30 YEARS, W. L. "BROWN" BROWN THROUGH BOWLING. THEY HAVE SIX DAUGHTERS, ELIZABETH, LINDA, KATHY, JOELLA, DORIS AND CARLA, ALL OF WHOM ALSO BOWL. THEY HAVE TEN GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT-GRANDCHILD.

VEL STARTED BOWLING 33 YEARS AGO. SHE TOOK LESSONS FROM JAY AT PASADENA BOWL AND WAS HOOKED. SHE BOWLS SEVERAL LEAGUES A WEEK; AT ONE POINT CARRIED A HIGH AVERAGE OF 180, HAS HAD NUMEROUS 600 SERIES, AND A HIGH GAME OF 254. SHE AND HER PARTNER WON THE 1983-84 PWBA CITY TOURNAMENT DOUBLES EVENT.

VEL SERVED AS A PWBA DIRECTOR FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. SHE ALSO SERVED AS SERGEANT-AT ARMS, TREASURER, 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT AND AS PRESIDENT. VEL WORKED WITH THE JUNIOR BOWLERS AT VARIOUS TIMES, BOTH THEN THEIR ASSOCIATION WAS CALLED AJBC AND THEN AGAIN AFTER IT BECAME THE YABA.

SHE IS AN AJBC CERTIFIED COACH, AS WELL AS A YABA CERTIFIED COACH. NOT ONLY DID SHE ORGANIZE AND COACH THE YOUTH, BUT ALSO GAVE RIDES TO AND FROM THE BOWLING CENTER TO THOSE NEEDING A RIDE. SHE CANNOT COUNT THE TIMES THAT SHE TOOK YOUTH BOWLERS TO STATE TOURNAMENTS. VEL HELPED FOUND THE PASADENA 500/600 CLUB AND SERVED AS ITS PRESIDENT FOR TEN YEARS, AFTER WHICH SHE WAS ELECTED LIFE MEMBER.

VEL HAS BOWLED IN 25 PLUS CITY TOURNAMENTS, 20 TWBA TOURNAMENTS, AND FOUR WIBC TOURNAMENTS. FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS VEL HAS BOWLED IN THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SOUTH TRAVEL LEAGUE, OF WHICH SHE IS PRESENTLY SERVING AS ITS SECRETARY.

