

Sunday News - *High scores*

Kreider finds her mark on lanes

With bowling parents, getting into the sport was a natural for Catherine Kreider.

"I practically grew up in a bowling alley with my parents, so I was always around the sport," said Kreider, 34, of Mountville.

Being relatively new to league competition, however, Kreider found her mark this year, posting her high series, 645, and single, 265.

"It happened on the night that I bowled against a female bowler that I've always looked up to," she said.

Aiming at her opponent's score helped to stir Kreider on to a memorable moment in her bowling career.

Background: Catherine is employed by Clipper Magazine in the finance department. She and her husband, Michael Kreider, have a son.

Leagues (averages): Thursday Night Mixed (188); Turtle League (175).

High scores: Single, 265; series, 645.

Bowling achievements: Cashing in at states and the female highest average in the Leisure Lanes Turtle League.

Favorite bowling center: Leisure Lanes.

Type of bowling ball: Roto-Grip-Mutant Cell, Hammer-Venom and Track-503C.

The person who taught me the most is: My husband.

The change in the sport that impressed me the most: To see how many little kids get involved in bowling. To watch their faces when the ball knocks over even one pin is priceless.

A great bowling team has members who: Have a happy, positive attitude and have fun.

Bowling has helped me: Become a more socially outgoing person. I've met a lot of really nice people ever since I joined my two leagues.

My secret to success: Patience, practice, and wearing my headphones and Ipod while I bowl. I can't focus unless I block out distractions.

Suggestions for others: Just have fun with the sport. If you throw a bad shot, walk away and try again, but always keep a positive attitude.

The one thing that would really help to improve this great sport is: Finding ways to attract younger bowlers to join leagues.

I think other bowlers would describe me as: Consistent and focused, happy and team-spirited, but also I can be reserved and quiet.

My long-term bowling goal: Continually increase my average and learn to react accordingly on different lane conditions.

The most surprising thing that happened to me in bowling: Cashing in at a state competition. I never once thought I could ever do that.

This brings me good luck in the sport: Wearing my headphones and my bowling glove. I have a hard time bowling without them.

People would be most surprised to learn that I: Have only been bowling in leagues for six years with very little training.

When I'm not bowling you will find me: At home with my family, working in the yard, or curled up on the couch watching TV.

The highlight of my life so far: Being blessed with my family and finding peace in my life. I thank God every day for what he has given me.

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