



Gary Eisenhauer Shatters Wallenpaupack Bowling Center's House Record

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HAWLEY - Theoretically speaking, Gary Eisenhauer could retire from the local bowling scene as a happy and contented man. As of October, 18th, he's accomplished everything he ever set out to do.

On that particular Thursday evening, Eisenhauer inscribed his name permanently into the Wallenpaupack Bowling Center history books. The 47-year-old righty shattered the all-time house record, rolling consecutive games of 269, 300 and 300.

That adds up to a staggering 869 series and a mark that may never be challenged.

"I've wanted that house re-cord for a long time now," Gary told TWI Sports. "I came close a couple of times, but this time I was in the zone. I never bowled that well in my life. It was a lot of fun...but, I was pretty nervous, too."

Eisenhauer's remarkable set came on a night he was competing in the Wayne Major League. He bowls for Tom's Interior World and boasts a 229 average thus far this year.

Road to Greatness

Gary Eisenhauer began his storied bowling career 35 years ago at the tender age of 12.



GARY EISENHAUER...recently set a brand new all-time record at the Wallenpaupack Bowling Center. Gary rolled consecutive games of 269, 300, 300 for a mind-boggling 869 series. That total shattered the old House record, (835) shared by Harry Steuhl and John Montgomery. (TWI Sports photo by Kevin Edwards)

"I wasn't any good and didn't know anything about the sport," he said with a chuckle." That quickly changed.

While Gary managed just a 126 average that first year, the experience laid the groundwork for a love affair that's lasted almost four decades.

"I started to get better as I grew up and my body matured," he said. "Plus, I got tougher mentally. That might have been the most important thing."

It wasn't long before Eisen-hauer became one of the area's top bowlers. Over the years, he's become a fixture on the local lanes. Gary has eight 300 games to his credit, the first of which came when he was just 21.

Back in February, Eisenhower came within 10 pins of the then-house record, held jointly by Harry Steuhl and John Montgomery. That near miss just whetted Gary's appetite.

"If it was the last thing I did, I was gonna get that record," he said. "I was pretty focused."

Over & Out

Gary is the son of Carl & Ann Eisenhower. He and his wife, Judy, are the proud parents of four children (Steven, Gwen, Tim and Kelly).

Over the course of his long and enjoyable bowling career, Gary has made many friends. He made a point of thanking Jason Lundquist, Eric Gumble and Denny Gumble for all the support they've given him.

"They're good people," he said simply. "I really appreciate all they've done for me."

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