

Doreen Dockery



Melbourne born Doreen Dockery commenced bowling in 1961.

She won two titles at the first ATBC Nationals in 1962, and since that time, she has built up a continuity record of 21 appearances in the Nationals and has competed in more than 25 city and state championships.

Her record of victories and high place finishes in tournaments such as the 1964 and 1968 All Stars, The South Pacific Classic and the ATBC Masters is outstanding. Doreen also won the TBA Classic in 1983, 84, 85 (3peat!), and again in 1993.

Has represented in the Walter Rachuig Tournament 19 times - 17 times representing Victoria and 2 times representing Queensland, she has played well over 200 games for Victoria.

At international level, she has represented Australia in World and Zone championships and in 1980, she won Silver and Bronze medals in Adelaide at the FIQ Championships. Doreen was elected into the TBA Hall of Fame in October 1984.

TBAV Board member and Tournament Director for ATBSOV, Sue Raphael, remembers the very early days of the Vic150 when she, Sandy Hornibrook, Louise Wallace & Doreen were the pioneers of the wonderful event that we recognise today.

When discussing this athlete's achievements, Warren Stewart has been quoted as saying: "I know as a kid growing up in the bowling centres and idolising the greats of Victorian bowling, Doreen was the heart of Rachuig bowling. Her grit and determination, her will to do everything she could to get Victoria over the line, she stood out with the other greats of the time like Ruth Guerster"

Warren also remembers that this athlete's green 1979 FIQ "Ron Knappe" bowling shirt used to hang in the ABC Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame at St. Louis in the United States. This building no longer exists and the memorabilia has been moved to Arlington Texas. Warren has provided the attached picture from 1986.

It gives the TBAV Board great pleasure in inducting Doreen Dockery into the TBAV Hall of Fame.