



Carrollton's Judd Hall (R) is honored during a bowling event in New Mexico.

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Judd Hall has a streak going and shows no signs letting it stop.

The Carrollton man became the 11th bowler in history to compete in 60 consecutive United States Bowling Congress Open Championships as he competed in the annual event in Albuquerque, N.M. last month.

Hall's first tournament appearance came back in 1949 in Atlantic City, N.J. where he competed alongside his father.

"Bowling is everything to me," said Hall, who shares 60 consecutive tournaments with another roller. "I bowled with my dad in 42 consecutive tournaments until he passed away in 1988, and that was really special."

The record is 67 held by Bill Doehrman.

In 60 consecutive tournament showings, Hall has knocked down 86,259 pins for a 168.1 career average.

Hall has no plans to stop competing anytime soon.

"If the good Lord willing and the creek don't rise, I'll get it," said Hall. "That's what I'm aiming at. The one thing I've got

going for myself is that I'm a little younger (73) than the other guys."

He once flew in from Indonesia to keep his consecutive streak intact.

"I've been fortunate enough to have not been sick during the tournament," said Hall. "It's been a lot of fun."

Hall, a member of the McCook Area USBC Bowling Assn., shot a 514 in doubles, 489 in singles and 478 in team play for a 1,481 all-events total this tournament.

The McCook Area covers a number of area counties including Carroll, Harrison, Columbiana and Jefferson.

Joining Hall in play action were Mikey Carpenter of Tuscarawas, Charles Tinlin of Delroy, Matthew Miller of Carrollton and Robert W. Walker of Bergholz. They combined for a 2,578 total.

Hall bowled for many years at Kinser Lanes and still bowls once a week at Carroll Lanes.

However, Hall is not the only member of the McCook Area Bowling Assn. to have made history.

Wooster's Les Berry made his 65th tournament appearance and is in pursuit of the record of 71 set by Doehrman and Joe Norris.

Hall will get a chance to make it 61 in a row when next year in Las Vegas.