## **Gary Skidmore**

Born: March 21, 1954, Albuquerque, New Mexico

High School: Rio Grande High School

## **Professional**

- 1981 to 1988 Professional bowler, who played in the Professional Bowler's Association (PBA) Tour.
- 1983 January won his first PBA event, the Miller High Light in Anaheim, California.
- 1986 to the present Owner of the Skidmore's Holiday Bowling Center.
- 2003-2015 Purchased Leisure Bowling Center in Albuquerque and transformed it to the SkidZ Family Entertainment Center.
- 2004 to present. Played on the Senior Tour from
- Won 6 PBA national tour titles, all were televised on national TV on ABC.
- Won two PBA Southwest Regional titles.
- Nineteen national TV appearances with a 24-12 record, which ranks tenth all-time.
- Had 34 300-point games and 16 800 series (3 games).
- Invited to represent the USA in the Japan Cup in 1984, 1985, and 1986.
- Represented New Mexico in the Coca Cola Cup in Washington D.C. as a junior golfer.
- Coached the University of New Mexico bowling team from 1987-1995, reaching a #15 ranking nationally in 1991.

## **Honors**

- Won the Governor's Sports Award
- Bowlers Journal International (BJI)
- 1983 & 1985 third team; All-American.
- 1984 the Albuquerque Bowler of the Year
- 1994 Inducted to the Albuquerque Bowlers Hall of Fame

## Community

- Not only has he been a successful pro bowler, but he has contributed so much to the sport of bowling and to the community.
- Set up Scholarship programs for the youth leagues.
- Hosts UNM bowling classes and team practices.
- Home center for multiple high schools' teams for their practices and host a couple of tournaments throughout their season.