

The Best Bowling Tip I Ever Received

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I was bowling on the same pair of lanes as Hall of Famer Lisa Rand in the WDCAWBA City Tournament about three years ago. The lanes on the left side were a little open, and I actually had room to swing the ball. The only problem was I wasn't carrying the corner pins.

I believe I made a comment about trying to carry the corners, and that's when Lisa stated, "*Straighter is better*," so I lined up a little tighter and played a line I really hate to play. I felt like I was bowling down the middle and throwing a straight ball, but it worked: I carried the corners and pulled out a decent series.

Most bowlers want to play the "bump" all the time; I know it really looks good to see your ball hook from the gutter and back to the pocket. But how often do you find yourself in a situation where that nasty old 10-pin or 7-pin just wants to ruin things for you?

You can fight the lane or play what the lane is *giving* you. Try playing straighter, even if you do not like the line you have to play. *Make it your line to score.*

With five 300 games and two 800 series to show, *straighter is better* for me. So when I have the lane giving me both a swing shot and an up-the-boards shot, I always choose up-the-boards.

Thanks, Lisa, for the tip. It worked back then, and it still works for me today!

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