

CHUCK GANNON STRIKES AGAINST CYSTIC FIBROSIS

An unusual situation came up at Shirley Bowl during the filming of a commercial in which the camera crew needed someone who could roll strikes.

A hurry up call to Chuck Gannon brought immediate response, for this versatile bowler is always ready to lend a hand to anyone in the game.

While Chuck is quite vocal on or off the lanes, his abuse is always against himself for not bowling well. This time he directed all his talent in making the show a real one. As Chuck said, "If I can throw a strike against Cystic Fibrosis, I will be helping a child to have a better life."

After a few practice balls it appeared Chuck had the strike zone pretty well set and the camera was ready to roll.

Two minor changes had to be made to satisfy the director. First, it was noted that several shots had already been made with a certain ball—a ten-pounder with a normal conventional grip. Chuck's favorite ball is *sixteen* pounds with a finger-tip grip.

Secondly, because the camera was set on the approach taking up about six feet, Chuck was asked to shorten his approach to ten feet and then jump out of the camera's way.

"No problem," said Chuck, "Any good bowler can make adjustments with a few practice shots." The adjustments were made and not only were there several strikes thrown against Cystic Fibrosis, but praise was given to Chuck for his efforts.

Chuck Gannon is a member of the PBA and currently operates a pro shop at Seminary Lanes. In 1974, he was ranked as the #8 bowler in the area, but his work status and business ventures have curtailed his multi-league activities which holds him from current ranking.

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