

ORLANDO - Walt Thielhart, a Leesburg Fl. resident, shares drawings with the bowling public by creating images of his favorite pro bowlers. His artwork was displayed at the International Bowl Expo 2008 in the Next Level Bowling booth. Next Level is world class instructional program developed by professional bowlers Brian Voss, Norm Duke and Mike Machuga.

Thielhart's ink drawings feature the Next Level professionals in action. He started this career by first drawing pro football players and later switched to bowlers. Twenty of his drawings are on display at Classique Bowling Center in Tavares, Fl. Theilhart has had ample opportunity to draw professional bowlers because Duke as well as Jason Couch, Patrick Allen and Walter Ray Williams Jr. are his neighbors.

The talented artist also likes to sketch animals and birds but looks upon his drawing as a hobby. "What I do gives me great satisfaction" said Thielhart, "as well as the chance to meet some of the nicest professional athletes in the world."

The artist himself is not without some talent, having averaged over 200 for many years. He is very proud of the two perfect games he has rolled.

This was Thielhart's first time participating in Bowl Expo, the showcase event of the Bowling Proprietors Association of America. "I'm very pleased with the reception and the demand for my drawings at this event" said Thielhart.

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