

\* Loa Boxberger  
Russell - Arizona  
KWBA Hall of Fame  
Performance – 1976

In 1966 Loa won the Kansas State All-Star Tournament and as an amateur she won a trip to Philadelphia to compete in the National All-star Tournament open to both amateurs and professionals who had won at the state level. Her average at that time was 170. Two very well-known bowlers, Harry Smith and Carmen Salvino, saw Loa bowl and remarked that she was tall and strong and that her arm swing was good. Harry and Carmen worked with her for a couple of days after the tournament, giving her pointers and explained to her about lane conditions. Their advice helped her a great deal mentally, “there is not enough money to pay for that kind of help” she gratefully states. In 1967 Loa once again won the Kansas All Star Tournament and represented Kansas in the National All Star, this time in Lansing, Michigan. In this tournament she finished third as an amateur and received a check for \$ 2,000. After her showing in this tournament she decided to join the pro rank. Later in 1967 Loa first gained national recognition by winning the Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tournament held in Maple Shade, New Jersey – this was the eighth Pro Tournament she entered, and Loa took home the beautiful first place trophy plus the first-place money of \$1,800.

In 1971 Loa won the Pearl Cup Tournament in Japan, during the finals she defeated Judy (Cook) Soutar with a score of 237 to Judy’s game of 224.

Loa was also inducted into the WIBC Hall of Fame in 1984, Loa earned major titles in the 1960’s and 1970’s, in addition to winning the WIBC Queens, she also won two Women’s Championships team titles, two Japan Pearl Cup events and the Brunswick Red Crown Classic.

**\* Deceased: 12/20/2020.**