



December 15, 2017

Michael Nyitray  
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Dear Coach Mike,

On behalf of myself and husband I would like to thank you for the incredible work and achievements that you have been able to realize with our daughter, Crystal.

Before moving back to the U.S. from Germany we had concerns about being able to find an effective coach who could continue to support her development. Interestingly, we were very fortunate to received specific recommendations to speak with you from reputable people in the bowling community at the German national level.

We were wanting the very best for our daughter and you have far surpassed all of our expectations. From the first day we worked together you were very clear about Crystal's potential, including the possibility of winning a high school state championship.

It is incredible to look back and see what you have been able to deliver over the past 2-1/2 years. Through your guidance Crystal was not only recognized as one of the five girls selected nationally for the 2016/17 Dexter/USBC High School All-American team this summer *and* she did end up becoming the 2017 Florida High School State Champion just last month.

Of course, winning all these awards did not come easy, which is why we really appreciate how you have pushed our daughter to unlock her fullest potential and grow beyond anything we could have imagined. You were able to identify the talented good parts while correcting the areas that were holding her back. While I am not a bowler I am a sports fan and it is very clear how much better Crystal bowls today. The combination of greater efficiency with increased power is really a pleasure to watch. In addition to the technical and physical improvements there is something else we wish to thank you for. It is your mentoring, which is arguably most invaluable. You have helped her think more effectively, to better understand the processes, and to learn from both successes and failures.

When it comes to coaching you are the complete package. From being able to analyze strengths and weaknesses to creating an effective plan that builds both physical and mental strength. This ability truly results in an individual owning their game and becoming a truly dynamic athlete. Just like in any successful business, a great coach needs to be able to not just accurately appraise an individual or a team they also need to be able to accurately align goals and potential. Crystal's success is a testament to your unique professional ability to help a bowler grow and to discover their true potential.

Thank you again for everything you have done for our daughter!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla F. Singh".

Carla F. Singh  
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Subj: **Re: Coral Glades – Girls Athlete of the Year**  
Date: Wed, May 21, 2014 9:45 am Eastern Standard Time  
From: Lisa Nealon <lisaanealon@yahoo.com>  
To: <worldmike@aol.com>

Dear Mike:

Thank you for all of the pictures and everything you have done for Krystina. It was nice talking to you at the CG [Coral Glades High School] sports gala. See you Friday morning.

Regards,  
Lisa Nealon [Krystina's mother]

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On Tue, 5/20/14, Mike Nyitray <worldmike@aol.com> wrote:  
Subject: Coral Glades - Girls Athlete of the Year  
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Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 9:34 PM

Check out your "Athlete of the Year" and coach.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Note® II



October 15, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mery Pennington, primary education teacher, wife, mother of two, and novice to the experience that is bowling in all its forms. I do, however, recognize the importance of quality coaching; which is precisely why I offer this letter as an emphatic, personal testimonial of the significance Michael Nyitray bears to the sport of bowling; the spirit of youth athletics, and specifically, to my son, Rory Pennington.

A child is undoubtedly a wondrous gift for any parent, but a child blessed with extraordinary potential can compel a parent to question and ponder the best way to encourage development, and concurrently, success. My husband Phillip and I can say with full confidence that we have found the absolute best way- with Coach Nyitray. Rory, at age nine, is just at the beginning of the pathway to high achievement on competitive bowling, a self-chosen trajectory since the age of two. By age four, his intensity was such that he spent hours devotedly studying taped tournaments of the PBA masters, requested bumper-free lanes, and broke 100. At age five, he broke 200, and by age seven, had won the first of three league "Triple Crown" awards. He was recognized within his age group as the top bowler for the county. Rory has seen Coach Nyitray regularly since 2010, maturing in both technique and mental form under his accurate perception and guidance.

Coach Nyitray met Rory as a result of a referral from a pro shop colleague who evaluated him at our local bowling center: himself a distinguished figure in the PBA regional bowling circles. Rory's unique two-handed throw and developmentally uncommon skill were determined to be in need of a higher level of technical coaching than the evaluator could offer. Without hesitation, he recommended that Rory see a coach who he knew from personal knowledge that had a strong reputation for bringing out the best in talented bowlers using innovative and highly effective strategies. He was certain that Rory's potential would be best analyzed and developed with his expertise.

Over the past two years, Coach Nyitray's status as our son's bowling coach has evolved into a more substantive and meaningful dimension of mentorship. An emotive statement he made to our family upon Rory's first formal session: "I am not just your coach for one hour at a time, I am on Team Rory -- to help you with all the great things you want to do". True to his word, he has visited our home at our invitation, met Rory's friends, watched over him as he competed in an ESPN radio bowling event, and shared in all of his academic and personal news. He rewards Rory's progress with impressively framed certificates earned within a carefully crafted system of points and measures of excellence; which Coach Nyitray refers to as his Junior Master Certificate Program. With my rudimentary knowledge of bowling logic and physics, I can still recognize the impact in the quality and exceptionally fine-tuned planning of his teaching sessions. With my practiced educator's eye, I am so very pleased and gratified to see my son instructed by a gifted teacher/athlete.

Coach Nyitray's sustained and attentive interaction with my son has even reached beyond us the immediate relationship between coach and trainee. My husband, attending each session, has internalized a part of what he observes and teaches it forward when he volunteers for our youth league. I will attest that many beginning bowlers have benefited from derivatives of Coach Nyitray's brilliant instruction.

For all who consider Coach Nyitray's great accomplishments, deserved accolades and technical mastery, I wish to underscore the intangible qualities he possesses so important to promising athletes like my son- the vision to see the entirety of a child's need, the unerring ability to recognize prospective greatness, and the inspired ambition to seek nothing less than excellence for all the youth who fell in love with bowling.

Sincerely,

Mery Pennington

\* deceased - 2013

Subj: **Ryan Hernandez**  
Date: Fri, May 20, 2011 11:41 am Eastern Daylight Time  
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To: [worldmike@aol.com](mailto:worldmike@aol.com)

Hello Mike,

I just wanted to share this with you. Yesterday on our drive home from practice Ryan looks at me and says, "you know mom, Coach Mike is awesome. He is really teaching me a lot". And goes, "I know I am gonna do better with him". Then he goes "1000 points to make Platinum, we are gonna be going to him a lot because I am gonna do it..."

This is from me now...I have never since Ryan so excited to be coached by any one. Out of all the coaches he has had...YOU are the one for Ryan!

Thank you and have a nice weekend. We will see you on June 9th.

Thanks,  
Michelle Hernandez [Ryan's mom]

[Note: At the time Ryan Hernandez was 10 years old. Over the following 11 months, Ryan did indeed earn his Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Junior Master Certificates.]

October 23, 2008

United States Bowling Congress  
SMART Program  
5301 S. 76 Street  
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Re: Kerm Helmer Horizon Award

Dear Award Committee,

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Michael Nyitray for the Kerm Helmer Horizon Award. As the parent of two children that Michael has coached for the past 10 years, Andrew and Ana, I can personally attest to the abilities of this remarkable coach.

Both of my children have benefited tremendously by Michael's coaching. For the past two years for example, both Andrew and Ana have been invited to represent Team USA in the Tournament of the Americas; winning numerous medals each year. The most noteworthy of all is when Andrew recently became the youngest boy ever, at age 16, to make Junior Team USA for 2009. Last but not least, there's Gulliver Prep's bowling program. Michael's support of Andrew creating a bowling program for Gulliver was no doubt immeasurable. For the first two seasons Michael volunteered his time to help the assigned coaches; the first a water polo coach and second a soccer coach. With the school very happy with Michael's performance with both the kids *and* the parents, they have now hired Michael as their Head Coach of both the boy's and girl's varsity bowling teams.

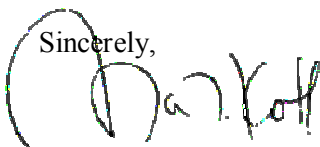
Speaking of kids, I would like to make special mention of Michael's "Junior Master Certificate" (JMC) Program. This innovative coaching system gave my children tangible goals to work (the certificates) while simultaneously keeping their attention *and* enthusiasm during training. This was a wonderful method to show kids about the importance of focusing on specific skills and not feel they are being judged solely on the bowling score. I especially liked how Michael's JMC program nurtured self-confidence and integrity, even if a strike wasn't make or a spare was missed. It was always about the 'big picture'—and my children really loved those framed certificates. To this day, Michael has young bowlers participating in his JMC program.

What may not be known is the extent to which Michael has devoted his life to bowling. Not only is Michael the first coach to complete USA Bowling's Gold Certification program back in 1999, he also has an extensive international coach resume. Beginning in 1992, Michael was hired as the Head Coach for a professional bowling club in Sweden. Three years later, Michael rose to international acclaim as the Head Coach for the Thailand national team. There, he led the Thai team to its first-ever world championship during the 1995 FIQ World Championships in the women's doubles event. Michael later served as the Head Coach for the Saudi Arabia national team in 1996-97, as well as having coached for Brazil and Venezuela. For the better part of the 1990s, Michael's international coaching career took him across four continents. To this day, Michael is the only American coach to ever lead a foreign country to a bowling world championship.

When it comes to Michael's coaching style, he is truly a bowler's coach. Michael is always positive and encouraging to bowlers of all ages and skill levels, seeming to have no limit on patience. I am amazed at both his depth of knowledge and the passion in which he conveys his message to his students. Michael's tireless commitment to helping bowlers everywhere fully enjoy bowling is truly remarkable, which partly why he has been listed in the Bowler's Journal International "Top 100 Coaches" every year since this program's inception.

Michael Nyitray has dedicated his life to the sport of bowling, to which he is an invaluable asset. He has helped countless bowlers over the past decades and I am proud to nominate of him for the Kerm Helmer Horizon Award.

Sincerely,



Ana I. Koff



**The Getters**  
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September 12, 2008

Mr. Michael Nyitray  
WorldMike's Pro Shop  
2020 N. St Rd 7  
Margate, FL 33063

Dear Michael,

I wanted to let you know how much Steve and I appreciate what you've done for Mike, our 12 year-old son. Over the past year and a half that Mike has been bowling and working with you, his development has been nothing short of remarkable, both on and off the lanes.

Last year as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader and after only 5 months of lessons with you, Mike earned a spot on the varsity bowling team for his school, North Broward Prep School (NBPS). I can tell you that the high school kids trying out were not to happy with a 6<sup>th</sup> grader bowling better than them. With your help, Mike has effectively learned to work through the social predicament of being the youngest bowler (by far) on the team. The older kids not only now accept him in their group but they now ask *him* for bowling advice. This has gone a long way on nurturing Mike's maturity and his self-confidence.

This year again, Mike made the varsity bowling team. And now, the coach has chosen Mike to be their anchor bowler. This is an extraordinary fete for a 7<sup>th</sup> grader.

I would like to make special mention of your "Junior Master Certificate" program. You have found a way to make lessons interesting and fun for children. And as we both know it's very difficult to keep a child's attention if he or she is not having a good time; especially when education is involved. You mix life lessons in with bowling lessons, challenging Mike's critical thinking skills. I have seen how this has helped Mike with problem-solving both in and out of school. The fact your Junior Master Certificate program is a point accumulation system that has students earning very attractive framed certificates is brilliant. It gives young bowlers like Mike a tangible goal to work towards. The Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates Mike has already earned are proudly displayed in his room.

Steven and I, as well as Mike, thank-you for you dedication and have recommended your services to many including the bowling coaches at North Broward Preparatory Sschool.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jodie C. Getter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jodie Getter

Subj: **The latest news with Alannah**  
Date: 4/15/2008 5:08:05 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
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To: [WorldMike@aol.com](mailto:WorldMike@aol.com)

Hey Mike,

I know we've been out of touch for some time now, but it's been hectic here – working two jobs and keeping up with Alannah's bowling LOL.

I wanted to get you up to speed on how Alannah is doing. She's really bowling well these days, you would be proud. She's averaging 205 – 207 depending on the league, with the exception of Monday nights (on the sport shot) - she's averaging 178 there. Alannah says that she's getting hang of how different her ball reacts on the sport shots and actually says she looks forward to the challenge.

School is going well for her this year, she has AP English, Marine Science 3 (Honors), Algebra II, she's taking a senior class (she's the only junior in it), which is Atmospheric Science (which you know miss meteorologist loves), she's also taking a 2 hour class of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) - which an hour of it is actual college credits. She's doing really well too with her 4.7 GPA – you would be proud.

Her attitude is getting better when it comes to bowling, though she is still hard on herself when she doesn't bowl over 200, but at least she is less dramatic about it. We'll have to stop in one night to see you, we miss our chats and I'm sure she'll want to bend your ear a little about her bowling 😊.

Lastly, there are lots of tournaments coming up for Alannah, not to mention, preparing for Junior Gold. She shot 298 last Sunday at the Broward County Coaches Council tournament, and believe it or not she wasn't angry! She was laughing and saying how that she's already bowled two 300 games she also wanted to shoot a 298 or a 299 – what a turnaround huh? I wish I had a tape recorder!

Let us know how you are doing; we'd love to hear from you! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Anita  
[Alannah Irwin's mother]



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Forwarded Message:

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Mr. Schusterman: [Mark Schusterman is the Athletic Director for Gulliver Preparatory School]

Coach Stewart has invited Mike Nyitray to come to the State Tournament and he has accepted the invitation. We are delighted by his desire to continue to help our girls reach their goal.

On behalf of all the girls and their parents, we want to let you know that his presence is invaluable as Coach Nyitray is the one solely responsible for the girls' extraordinary and unbelievable accomplishment at the District Tournament. We all observed Coach Nyitray work with all of the kids throughout the day at Districts. We also observed how he prepared them for the tournament by working with them at every one of our Thursday practices as a group and individually during weekends.

At the tournament, we watched as Coach Nyitray continuously encouraged them and guided them by telling them what needed to be done which was absolutely necessary given the continuously changing lane conditions during play as well as the girls' inexperience in knowing how to adjust these rapidly changing conditions. As a result, the girls were able to win matches against teams that had 2 or 3 experienced league bowlers (including the team that won 2nd place at the GMAC tournament the week prior). We want you to know that we sincerely believe that their success would not have been possible without Coach Nyitray's coaching and leadership. I am 100% sure that he is capable of getting the boys in a short time to a similar level of play.

During the season, Coach Nyitray was able to help the boys improve significantly as some of them raised their averages between 30-50 pins per game; however, the threshold for success in the boys division is much higher and they need to improve even more. We are planning on meeting with him privately and as a group once or twice per month throughout the year so that he can continue to help our kids improve their game so that they state champions.

**THANK YOU FOR GIVING OUR GIRLS (who would never play another sport due to their academic commitments) THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME. GULLIVER HAS GIVEN THEM A GREAT GIFT! I am sure that they will bring Gulliver a State Championship in the very near future.**

Ana Koff

P.S. Mike has served on the board of directors of a high school in Palm Beach County and thus he is familiar with the requisite testing; he said he has no problem whatsoever with doing it again.

Sharon Santilli  
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January 2, 2007

Dear Mike,

Since we have recently moved and Nathan is spending less time at Brunswick Margate, this felt like the right time to write and share some of my thoughts with you about the coaching and teaching you have done with Nathan for the past two years.

Another reason this seems like the right time to share my thoughts is because at the age of 12 years and 5 months, Nathan bowled his first “300” game on July 22<sup>nd</sup> during league play at Margate. He was so thrilled and so was everyone else in the house—especially me! I have absolutely no doubt that your coaching and teaching played a significant role in him achieving that milestone. As you have pointed out, Nathan has a fair amount of natural ability as a bowler and athlete in general. However, without expert guidance at the proper times, that ability really isn’t enough to sustain the kind of performance that led to his first perfect game.

When I first contacted you about coaching Nathan, I was a little uncertain and hesitant about how the process would turn out. One of the reasons is that I am an educator (with 20+ years experience at the higher education level) and an opinionated one at that! I am also a fiercely protective mother to my son. Many of Nathan’s classroom teachers over the years can attest to how difficult I have been with them. I am intimately familiar with theories of pedagogy and andragogy (fancy term for adult education) and when I see something I don’t like, I have no problem voicing my concerns. I have had Nathan reassigned from classrooms because I didn’t support the type of teaching I saw. I say all of this to emphasize that I am not an easy client.

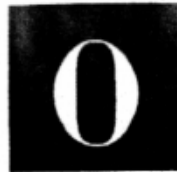
Within about 15 minutes of the first hour you spent with Nathan, any doubts in my mind were gone that you were the right coach for my son. I saw with complete clarity that you were a competent and compassionate coach *and* teacher. You demonstrated knowledge of teaching philosophy and technique that I frankly did not expect. I knew of your bowling accomplishments, but not everyone who is proficient in a sport can effective coach, particularly when it comes to coaching young people. However, you know how to balance useful critique with support which is very important to me and to Nathan. One of the things I particularly admire is your ability to ask the right questions of Nathan at the right time to get him to self-diagnose. This is not only a wonderful teaching tool, but it’s the hallmark of effective leadership. Outstanding leaders empower those around them so that in the end, people believe that what they have achieved, they have done themselves. This fits you perfectly.

A final point I would like to make is regarding your ability to determine how best to coach/teach an individual. I saw that you “diagnosed” in a sense how best to teach Nathan very early on in your work with him. He is a bright and fairly mature young man and you were able to tailor a technique for him that was and continues to be effective at moving him in the right direction and the right time. You accurately predicted the milestones he would achieve as he moved up the body and ball weight ladders. Not even 13 years old, he has a 210 (+/-) average, is a Junior Gold member and he has a love and passion for all aspects of bowling that I believe he will carry him throughout his life. He and I both consider you a mentor, coach, teacher, and friend. Nathan and I look forward to a long and rewarding association with you.

Thank you for everything you done!

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Dr. SA Santilli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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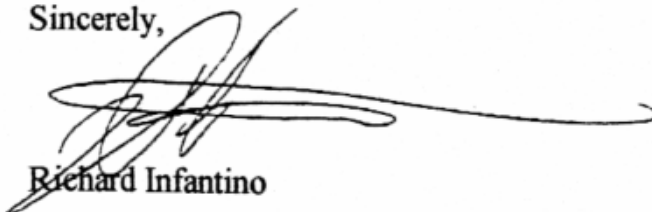
To Whom It May Concern,

I am a local businessman and the parent of two young female athletes. My oldest daughter, Stephanie, is a crossover athlete from basketball to bowling. Stephanie was heavily recruited and received basketball scholarship offer from several major universities. She opted to decline those offers to pursue her first love – bowling. Her decision was made at the end of her junior year in high school. Mike Nyitray has coached both and my youngest daughter, Samantha since last year. With Mike's coaching, Stephanie has been offered scholarships from the three top collegiate universities in the country. As an involved, hands-on parent and high average bowler I have been exposed to various levels of coaching in both basketball and bowling and I assure you that Mike Nyitray is the only coach that would receive mine and my daughter's endorsement.

The reason from writing this testimony is to inform perspective young athletes or employers striving attain their goals that Mike is the most knowledgeable, articulate, analytical coach I have ever encountered. Certainly, Mike deserves the opportunity to take his vast coaching and bowling abilities to the collegiate level. The main motivation for this letter is that other young athletes, like my daughters, deserve to be the benefactors of this extraordinary coach.

If further amplification is needed concerning Mike Nyitray's coaching abilities, please do not hesitate to call me at 954-850-1026.

Sincerely,



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December 30, 1998

Dear Michael,

I am writing this Thank You letter to you as both a mother and a coach. The improvements you have accomplished with my 18 year old son Jason have been remarkable. In less than one year Jason has raised his average from 180 to more than 210!

Last month Jason won his first championship in a Loschetter Tournament. He was so proud... and so was I. But then Jason won the very next tournament he entered, the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Orange Bowl, shooting 279 in the title match! The Junior Orange Bowl is one of the biggest tournaments in Florida for the youth bowler.

There is another reason why Jason's bowling improvements is so remarkable. Jason has a physical condition, an abnormally developed brain-stem, which makes him very difficult teach. Jason's condition requires extreme amounts of patience on the part anyone who works with him because he has a very short attention span and forgets things easily.

You are the only coach that has ever effectively communicated with my son. He, and I, really appreciate all of the time you have spent with him. Jason really looks up to you. You are always polite and professional. Mike, you are a credit to South Florida bowling and I am proud to say you are my son's coach.

My sincerest thanks,



Valorie Rockwood