

1978 PSBA Hall of Fame Inductees

AROLD (HARRY) ZOELLER



Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Harry Zoeller comes to the Hall of Fame with solid credentials including an ABC Championship. In 1955 he was ABC Doubles Champion and in 1954 his 714 series was good enough for third place in the singles prize list. On the State level, 1941 was a big year for Harry; he not only was a member of the Stegmaier Beer championship team but he himself won the All-Events toga with a 1958 total. Additionally in 1943 he won the Pennsauken tournament and finished third in the Union City, New Jersey event. Harry has shown his ability to last the distance with his 190 average in 26 ABC tournaments and his lifetime average for 42 years of bowling of 200 plus. Now that he is retired Harry spends his time keeping sharp on the lanes and watching all sports on TV.

JOHN C. BRANNAN SR. (Deceased)



McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania

John Brannan comes to the Hall of Fame as one of the outstanding administrators and promoters of the game of ten pins in the State of Pennsylvania. Along with Eddie Jefferson, Andy Nicholas, Joe Appel and Harry Gumpert, John helped in the formation of the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association in 1939 and has been a part of its growth ever since. In 1955-56 he served as president of the Association and on several occasions Brannan's Bowl has hosted the Annual Tournament. Since opening Brannan's Bowl in 1940 John has been driving force in the proprietor associations (local, state and national) and was the only man to ever serve as secretary of the local, state and national BPAA groups at the same time, this in 1965-66. On the state level he was a leader in the fight to abolish the Blue Law which prohibited bowling on Sunday -this allowed the rapid growth of the game in Pennsylvania. At the local level he was instrumental in organizing the Metropolitan League in Pittsburgh which at its height consisted of 180 teams in 18 divisions and he still serves on the Rules Committee of the league.

Another project to which John points with pride is the Saturday bowling show on WTAE-TV, Channel 4, Pittsburgh. For this show, which has been running for 16 years, he secured and had installed two lanes in the studios of WTAE. In addition, John is an avid promoter of tournaments both in his own house and throughout the Pittsburgh area.

CARL C. CERRETA (Deceased)



Berwick, Pennsylvania

Carl Cerreta's bowling prowess began at the YMCA lanes in Berwick in 1940 and since that time he has acquired three 300 games, one sanctioned, a 298 and a 299. In addition, he has had over thirty 700 series to his credit. He is justly proud of his singles championship in the PSBA tournament in 1954 with a 686 score. Carl finished in the upper portion of the prize list in the Masters tournament at Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1951. An active member of the Berwick Elks, he won the Elks State Singles championship two years in a row at Bedford. Carl is and has been for several years a director of the Berwick Bowling Association and in addition to his bowling accomplishments shoots in the low 80's on the golf course. However, when Fall comes Carl is still taking his turn in at least three leagues.