

1982 PSBA Hall of Fame Inductees



DAN SPADA (Deceased)

Ardmore, Pennsylvania

Dan Spada is one of those talented bowlers that to list all his titles and accomplishments would take all night long. He has to his credit two sanctioned 300 games, one 299 game and one 297 game and 125 "700" series. He has also rolled ten open-bowling 300 games. He joined the Professional Bowlers Association in 1960 and was a member for eight years. In that time he participated in 40 tournaments, being a finalist seven times with a best finish of fourth place. He also rolled in 35 regional PBA tournaments, nine times in the finals with a best finish of second place. Dan joined the Brunswick Advisory staff in 1963 and conducted Learn to Bowl Clinics for the Brunswick Corporation. He also gave bowling lessons for many of the Philadelphia Area High Schools, including a School for the Blind.

Dan participated in 17 ABC tournaments. He was a member of the Dave's Auto Supply Team which won the National Team Title in Cincinnati in 1968. He also has a fifth place finish in Doubles with John Till to his credit. In P.S.B.A. competition, he was a member of the Championship Actual Team in 1966, teamed with John Till to win the-Doubles Actual Championship in 1964, and was the All Events Actual Champion both in 1962 and 1964. As the All Events Champion, he represented the P.S.B.A. in the A.B.C. Masters tournament twice, each time making the finals. He represented the U.S.A. in the Friendship Matches with Canada in 1968, where he was a member of the winning five-man team and doubles event champion. He has won numerous singles tournaments in the Philadelphia and South Jersey area. He placed second in the DeVito Classic Tournament in Chicago. Dan has shown his bowling talent throughout the country and has displayed good sportsmanship during his outstanding career.

THOMAS S. BARGER (Deceased)

Williamsport, Pennsylvania



By inducting Tommy Barger into the Hall of Fame, we are honoring one of the founders of the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association. He served as a Director of the P.S.B.A. from 1932 through 1949. He was elected to the position of Fourth Vice President and proceeded through the chairs, becoming President of the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association for the 1962 -1963 season. He also served as President of the National "700" Club of America for two years. He was instrumental in starting and promoting Blind Bowlers programs in his area of the state and has held tournaments and banquets for the Blind Bowlers for twenty-six years. He donated a wooden bowling ball to the P.S.B.A., which in turn has been presented to the American Bowling Congress National Bowling Museum.

As a bowler, Tommy was one of the better bowlers in Central Pennsylvania. He rolled twenty-six (26) sanctioned 700 series, the highest of which was 799. His high single game was a 290. He bowled in the very first American Bowling Congress tournament held in Buffalo in 1925. He competed in at least nineteen (19) ABC tournaments, his best effort being a 706 series rolled in a doubles event which resulted in a sixth place finish. At the age of 81, Tommy was still active in community affairs, serving as Secretary of the Williamsport Exchange Club. He received numerous awards and citations. He is a member of the Pennsylvania All Sports Hall of Fame and was the first member of the Lycoming County Bowling Association Hall of Fame. For at least thirteen years, he organized bus trips to the Yankee Old-timers game in New York with the proceeds going to sponsor a picnic for 125 foster boys and girls.