

## 1986 PSBA Hall of Fame Inductees

### JULIUS B. GROSSO (Deceased)

Allentown, Pennsylvania



Jules Grosso entered the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association Hall of Fame because of his outstanding achievements in the game of bowling.

Jules has been participating in bowling for forty nine (49) years. Now sixty nine (69) years young, he still carries a 200 + average. He has been one of Eastern Pennsylvania premier bowlers for many years, having won titles in almost every form of competition. He has captained ten team champions in the Allentown District Bowling Association tournament, as well as two team champions in the Easton Bowling Association. He has won doubles championships in Allentown (4 times), Bethlehem (1 time) and Easton (2 times). In the singles events, he has four titles to his credit in Allentown, and two titles in Easton. He has captured four All Events titles in Allentown and one in Easton. On the State level, he was captain of the Hobel Coal and Fuel team which won the 1965 State Team Actual Championship. He has participated in over twenty State tournaments, cashing in almost every one of them. On the national level, he has just participated in his forty first (41st) A.B.C. tournament this year in Las Vegas. He has averaged 190+ in his forty one tournaments (336) games on the tough A.B.C. lanes.

His best finish was a 12th place in the 1956 Rochester tournament and a 28th place in doubles in the Syracuse tournament. He has won over fifteen single tournaments in the Eastern part of Pennsylvania and New York, including the Landgraf tournament in New York City. On the league front, he won the High Average in the Mack Trucks "A" League for sixteen consecutive seasons. He has captained some of the eastern Pennsylvania's strongest teams. Although the perfect 300 game has eluded him, he has rolled two sanctioned 299 games and has a high series of 792 to his credit. He was a charter member of the Allentown District Bowling Hall of Fame in 1971.

Jules is also very active in promoting the game. He has organized many leagues, including the powerful Eastern All Stars. He organized and managed the popular Lehigh Valley Masters tournament. He produced and directed a T.V. show shown in the Lehigh Valley area. He has always taken time to help any bowler young or old. He has arranged trips to many of the A.B.C. tournaments, as many as 20 teams from all parts of the state, all across the country. \*-Bowling achievements current up till the time of induction.

### JOHN C. WANACHECK (Deceased)

Sharpsville, Pennsylvania



When John Wanacheck passed away in 1981, the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association one of its fine elder statesmen. John was active in P.S.B.A. affairs until his death. Mr. John Wanacheck entered into the Pennsylvania State Bowling Hall of Fame because of his untiring efforts to improve the game of bowling and his service to the bowling public.

As a Past President of the P.S.B.A., he served on the Advisory Board at all Board of Director meetings and Conventions. He served on many committees even after his term of office as President was over. John was elected fourth Vice President in 1969, progressing through the chairs to become President of the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association for the 1973 - 1974 season. He first attended the State Convention in 1958, and attended every one from then on until the time of his death. He served as delegate to the A.B.C. conventions for his Mercer County Bowling Association for eighteen years.

He was Secretary of the Mercer County Bowling Association for thirty years. He also served as a league secretary for over twenty eight years. He was a Past President of the Slovak Bowling Congress of America and served on its tournament committee until his death. He bowled in 19 A.B.C. tournaments and twenty five P.S.B.A. tournaments. He also was a regular participant in the PSBA Senior tournament. John was always ready to hold out a helping hand to anyone for the betterment of the game of bowling. He was active in many civic organizations in and around the Sharon area.

### **WILLIAM OSTRAM (Deceased)**



Paoli, Pennsylvania

Bill Ostrom entered the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association for his meritorious service to the game of bowling.

When one talks about Junior Bowling in Pennsylvania, the name of Bill Ostrom is sure to be mentioned. Bill has been a Director of the Pennsylvania State Junior Bowling Association from its inception, about twenty two (22) years ago. He has been chairman of the PSBA Junior Bowling Committee for many years and has served this association well in that capacity. He was appointed by Milt Raymer to the post of Regional Supervisor for Eastern Pennsylvania Junior Bowling. He was one of the organizers of the PSJBA. He has been an instructor for the junior bowlers in his area and has seen many of his pupils go on to greater things in adult bowling. He has been and still is a delegate to the P.S.B.A. Conventions for the Greater Philadelphia Bowling Association. He served as President of his local association for four years and has served as President of the Philadelphia Junior Association for twenty five years. He has organized many leagues, both junior and adult, and has served as league officer in many of them.

At the age of seventy two, he still bowls two times a week. He loves to participate in tournaments, having bowled in twenty eight A.B.C. tournaments and over twenty P.S.B.A. tournaments. He also participates in the PSBA Seniors Tournament. His highest league average was 193 in the Llancerch Country Club League.