

2007 PSBA Hall of Fame Inductees

RICHARD BOWER

Ford City, Pennsylvania



Richard J. Bower enters the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association Hall of Fame this evening for his outstanding bowling ability.

Richard has ten 300 games, three 299 games, close to three hundred 700 series, and four 800 series to his credit. He rolled the only 300 game ever throw at the CU Lanes in Ford City, Pa. His 857 series is currently the record high scratch series of the Kittanning USBC BA. He first averaged 201 in 1972 and has averaged more than 200 every year since the 1976-77 seasons. His high career average was 225 in the 2001-02 season. Richard's titles include numerous scratch teams, all-events (including the current year 2007) doubles and singles titles in the Kittanning USBC BA. As well as a scratch team, all events and doubles titles in the Greater Pittsburgh BA., and wins in many other local tournaments.

In 2002 Richard won the PSBA State Seniors singles, doubles and all-events titles shooting scratch scores of 720 in singles and 757 in doubles with Michael Shenesky. His 1477 score and all-events title won him a trip to Reno, NV for the ABC Seniors Championship where he finished 11th place in his division. He has also won two senior tournaments and one open event on the Pittsburgh Bowlers Tour. In the 1970's Richard made fifteen appearances on WTAE TV's Pittsburgh Championship Bowling program winning four of the weekly shows. As a member of the Professional Bowlers Association from 1971 to 1980, Richard bowled in nineteen tournaments cashing in five events. His best finish was 24th place in the Big E Open held in Buffalo (Cheektowaga), New York in 1977. In the match play Hoinke Super Classic Tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio, Richard made the top four in 1984 and is the current senior/co-ed squad champion with an overall 5th place finish in the tournament in 2006.

Richard has bowled in organized bowling for 38 years and has bowled in 37 PSBA Championship Tournaments

THOMAS D. DANIELS

St. Marys, Pennsylvania



Thomas D. Daniels enters the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association Hall of Fame for meritorious service to the game of bowling.

Tom has served on many of the PSBA committees over the last twenty years. He was a Western Area Director from 1988 through 2000, serving as Chairman for nine of those years. Tom also chaired the PSBA Youth Bowling Committee from 1988 through 2003, working as a liaison between the PSBA and the Pennsylvania State YABA. In 1994, Tom was privileged to be appointed to serve on the initial PSBA Scholarship Committee, which established the awards criteria and operating bylaws for the PSBA Scholarship Program. This program has continued to grow over the years and presents yearly monetary awards at the PSBA Convention Dinner.

He has been very involved with his local association, the St. Marys USBC, having served as Secretary-Treasurer for forty years. The former American Bowling Congress recognized Tom as the youngest association secretary in its history, at the age of twenty. He was elected to the St. Mary B.A. Hall Of Fame in 2000; co founded its Annual Championship Tournament in 1970 and was instrumental in forming the St. Marys Junior Association in 1967.

Over the years, Tom has attended various Local Association Officer Training Seminars and Lane Inspection Seminars put on by the ABC. He has attended more than twenty PSBA Conventions and fifteen State YABA Conventions. Tom has participated in almost forty PSBA Championship Tournaments and two American Bowling Congress Championships. Tom is also the coordinator for a group of twelve teams each year to the PSBA Tournament.

Tom has been involved in many aspects of the bowling game, but is most proud of his involvement in helping to provide scholarship opportunities for the young bowlers across the state, both through the PSBA and the Junior Bowling groups

DENNIS PLECKER

Hummelstown, Pennsylvania

Dennis Plecker enters the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association Hall of Fame this evening for his outstanding bowling ability.

Dennis has twenty-one 300 games, 500 plus 700 series and five 800 series to his credit. He has bowled in thirty-two PSBA Championship Tournaments, thirteen PSBA Mixed Tournaments and twenty-five ABC/USBC Tournaments.

Dennis won the 1980 PSBA All-Events Scratch Championship. In 1981 he represented Pennsylvania in the Masters and finished 101 out of 480 bowlers. In 1994 Dennis was a member of the team that placed 2nd in the PSBA Championship Scratch Division. In 1996 he was a member of the Scratch Team Champion in the Mixed Tournament. In 1998 Dennis threw the first 300 game in the history of the PSBA Mixed Tournament at Washington. The same year he was the Mixed Scratch All-Events Champion. In 2001, Dennis threw his second 300 game in our Mixed Tournament at Hazleton, and in 2004 he was a member of the team that placed 3rd in the Scratch Team Event at the Championship Tournament. In November of 2003, Dennis shot back-to-back 300 games for a 889 series. This series was the third highest in the country in 2003. Dennis has twenty-eight titles to his credit with Harrisburg, State Legion, PSBA Championship and the PSBA Mixed Tournaments.

With all the bowling Dennis has done he still had time to be a Past President of Harrisburg District BA, Director and Vice President. He was a State Delegate for six years, and has held league offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Dennis was elected into the Harrisburg District Bowling Hall of Fame in 1994 and is a certified Lane Inspector.

