



# HALL OF FAME



**ANDREW NICHOLAS**

**YEAR INDUCTED: 1980**

**CATEGORY: MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

**PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

In honoring Andy Nicholas we are recognizing one of the founders of the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association. Although Andy never held an elective office in the Association he was a prime mover of the group along with Eddie Jefferson, the first elected president of the P.S.B.A. already a member of the Hall of Fame.

Nicholas also was a moving force in the organization of the Philadelphia Bowling Association and the Philadelphia Major League in which he captained the Old Bookbinder team that was a powerhouse in the East for many years and developed several topflight individual players. Additionally, his organizational skills were recognized by the ABC by being elected a Congress director from 1927 to 1938 and later, in 1963 he was elected an honorary member at the age of 80.

Andy recalled how he got the idea for the State Association. "In my business I traveled extensively throughout Pennsylvania and often stopped in at various bowling centers. I met so many fine people that I thought something should be provided so that they could get to know each other better. This resulted in the formation of the Pennsylvania Association."

Nicholas bowled in 25 ABC tournaments shooting an all events score of 1911 in 1939. To this he added 10 appearances in the P.S.B.A. tournament If he were still living he would be looking for something now to promote.