



HALL OF FAME

FRANK "BUTCH" SNYDER

YEAR INDUCTED: 1976

CATEGORY: BOWLING ABILITY

ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

Frank Snyder entered the Pennsylvania State USBC Hall of Fame for his ability in the game of bowling. Frank was inducted into the Erie District Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1975.

Frank J. "Butch" (Snyder) Schneider, 1887-1971, was the oldest of eight children born to German immigrants in Erie, PA. He began working at bowling alleys in the early 1900's. In 1918, he bowled his first tourney at age 31 and went on to maintain a 192 average while competing in ABC competitions for 42 years. He and Mike Flick captured the 1927 ABC doubles championship. Butch was a member of three state champion teams. He was a popular lane manager and was proprietor of Commodore Bowling Alley in Erie for many years.

In 1958, he was one of four awarded the BWAA Rip Van Winkle award (1956 to 2007), which honored those making major contributions to the sport of bowling and being overlooked or under appreciated for more than 20 years. In November 1965, at the age of 78, he was recognized as a PA State All-Star. Butch finished his ABC career with an average of 190.83 for 46 years of competition. Butch died May 23, 1971, leaving behind his wife, son and grandson.