



HALL OF FAME



JOHN C BRANNAN SR

YEAR INDUCTED: 1978

CATEGORY: MERITORIOUS SERVICE

McKEES ROCKS, PENNSYLVANIA

John Brannan comes to the Hall of Fame as one of the outstanding administrators and promoters of the game of ten pins in the State of Pennsylvania. Along with Eddie Jefferson, Andy Nicholas, Joe Appel and Harry Gumpert, John helped in the formation of the Pennsylvania State USBC in 1939 and has been a part of its growth ever since. In 1955-56 he served as president of the Association and on several occasions Brannan's Bowl has hosted the Annual Tournament. Since opening Brannan's Bowl in 1940 John has been driving force in the proprietor associations (local, state and national) and was the only man to ever serve as secretary of the local, state and national BPAA groups at the same time, this in 1965-66. On the state level he was a leader in the fight to abolish the Blue Law, which prohibited bowling on Sunday -this allowed the rapid growth of the game in Pennsylvania. At the local level he was instrumental in organizing the Metropolitan League in Pittsburgh, which at its height consisted of 180 teams in 18 divisions and he still serves on the Rules Committee of the league. Another project to which John points with pride is the Saturday bowling show on WTAE-TV, Channel 4, Pittsburgh. For this show, which has been running for 16 years, he secured and had installed two lanes in the studios of WTAE. In addition, John is an avid promoter of tournaments both in his own house and throughout the Pittsburgh area.