



HALL OF FAME



RICHARD J BOWER

YEAR INDUCTED: 2007

CATEGORY: BOWLING ABILITY

FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Richard J. Bower entered the Pennsylvania State USBC 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.