



HALL OF FAME



THOMAS S BARGER

YEAR INDUCTED: 1982

CATEGORY: MERITORIOUS SERVICE

WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

By inducting Tommy Barger into the Hall of Fame, we are honoring one of the founders of the Pennsylvania State USBC. He served as a Director of the P.S.B.A. from 1932 through 1949. He was elected to the position of Fourth Vice President and proceeded through the chairs, becoming President of the Pennsylvania State USBC for the 1962-1963 season. He also served as President of the National "700" Club of America for two years. He was instrumental in starting and promoting Blind Bowlers programs in his area of the state and has held tournaments and banquets for the Blind Bowlers for twenty- six years. He donated a wooden bowling ball to the P.S.B.A., which in turn has been presented to the American Bowling Congress National Bowling Museum.

As a bowler, Tommy was one of the better bowlers in Central Pennsylvania. He rolled twenty-six (26) sanctioned 700 series, the highest of which was 799. His high single game was a 290. He bowled in the very first American Bowling Congress tournament held in Buffalo in 1925. He competed in at least nineteen (19) ABC tournaments, his best effort being a 706 series rolled in a doubles event which resulted in a sixth-place finish.

At the age of 81, Tommy was still active in community affairs, serving as Secretary of the Williamsport Exchange Club. He received numerous awards and citations. He is a member of the Pennsylvania All Sports Hall of Fame and was the first member of the Lycoming County Bowling Association Hall of Fame. For at least thirteen years, he organized bus trips the Yankee Old-timers game in New York with the proceeds going to sponsor a picnic for 125 foster boys and girls.