

"Meritorious Service"



Allan E. (Gene) Loomis Sr. was born in Salisbury Maryland on June 27, 1921 and moved to Elkton in 1928. He is currently part owner and manager of Elk Lanes in Elkton. After serving in the 3rd Infantry as a sergeant in World War II, Gene's whole life has revolved around the sport of bowling.

The Loomis family got its start in bowling in the late 40's with the Community Bowling Lanes in downtown Elkton. It was a 10 lane establishment that the family owned until the mid 50's when the owner of the property died. The family was not long out of bowling when they built Cecil Lanes in 1960. The family sold the lanes in 1984 but Gene stayed with the center and

the sport that he loves so much.

Gene has promoted bowling in many ways. For many years he has run introductory courses in bowling to Cecil County Schools. He has taught mentally and physically handicapped to bowl and still has a group which comes to Elk Lanes on a regular basis. He has established a program for disabled veterans from the VA Hospital at Perry Point. He started and still conducts tournaments for the benefit of the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society. For several years, he served as the chairman of the Cecil County UNICEF campaign for which he still holds a bowl-a-thon each year.

Gene's greatest accomplishments have been with the juniors. He is currently a Director of the Maryland State Junior Bowling Association. In the last 28 years, Gene has worked diligently with the youth to promote bowling. He has been a tireless supporter of youth leagues and tournaments, including sending young bowler to the Jerry Murphy's Youth Invitational Tournament in Ohio and New York.

Gene is currently a member of the Maryland Bowling Proprietors Association and the Eastern Bowling Association. In the past, he has received numerous honors from the Maryland 10 Pin Bowling Council.

Though not known for his bowling, Gene has participated in 26 ABC National tournaments. He continually supports the Nationals by organizing and sending several teams to the tournament each year.

In Cecil County, the name Gene Loomis is synonymous with bowling. He is truly an

ambassador of the sport and has touched the lives of thousands through his work in the community. It is because of this dedicated service and commitment to the betterment of the game, the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association is proud to induct Allan E. Loomis Sr. into its Hall of Fame in the Meritorious Service category.