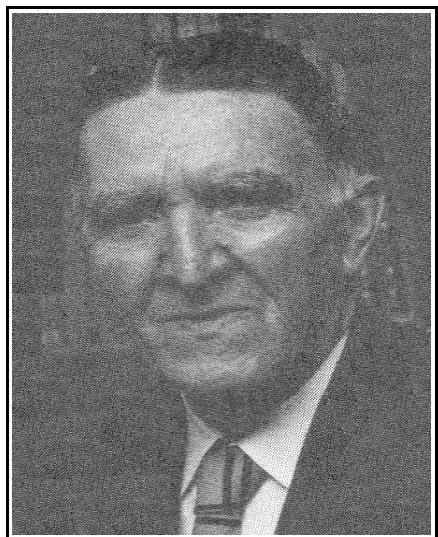


"Meritorious Service"

Mason A. Wilson



The Mason A. Wilson Memorial Award has been presented annually since the 1976-77 season by Bel Air Bowl to the center's highest averaging man and woman. At the presentation it is announced that to have known the man would explain the honor in receiving it. His bowling ability had a way of being overshadowed by his good sportsmanship.

He was a tremendous competitor, whose ego was never a problem. The phrase "Humble in Victory and Gracious in Defeat" fits Mason in every respect. He was a large man, not only in presence, but in deeds.

Mason, born on January 30, 1907, participated in leagues as both a bowler and an officer until the time of his death. He consistently averaged in the high 180's and 190's every year. Known as a teacher of the sport, he was often called upon to help individuals with their games. He spent many weekend hours assisting in the youth program as a coach and coordinator.

Mason was a regular participant in house, local association, and ABC national tournaments. Receiving many awards for his bowling abilities, he considered his "Bill Snavely Good Sportsmanship Awards" among his favorites.

In 1960 at the grand opening of Bob Turley Bowl, (Bel Air Bowl), he bowled an exhibition match against Pro Bowler Lindy Faragalli. He remained a vital presence there until his passing on November 11, 1977. His wife, Betty, resides in Forest Hill and his daughter, Susan Stroel, lives in Manistee, Michigan.

For his outstanding contributions to the game of American Tenpins, the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association is pleased to induct Mason A. Wilson into its Hall of Fame.