

"Meritorious Service"



Robert J. Crytser, Sr. began bowling while stationed at Aberdeen Roving Grounds as a Corporal in the Army. In 1937 he joined an Army bowling team and fell in love with the game. He even spent his spare time as a pin-setter.

A few years later Bob met and married Clara, his wife of 51 years. Together they have reared three daughters and a son who they also introduced to the game of Ten Pins. This is where Bob began his life-long advocacy.

When the Crytser children went through the Junior Bowling programs and moved on to adult leagues, Bob realized that he loved teaching the youth too much to leave the Junior Leagues.

For the past 32 years Bob has spent his week-ends at Bel Air Bowl. He has been an integral part of the youth program and known to the youth as well as many adults simply as "Coach".

Many of those he has helped over his years as a volunteer are now adult bowlers and Bob is currently coaching a second generation of young people. Some of the youngsters under his direction have gone on to be finalists in Local, State and National Tournaments, major competitors in the Women's All Star Association and members of the Professional Bowlers Association. This coach has set a fine example by his dedication, consideration, support of the individual, and his availability to anyone (young or old) who asks for his help.

Bob is an accomplished bowler himself as well as a certified instructor. He carries a 172 average today with a career high average of 190. His high game is 289 and high series is 749. A team player, he has been part of numerous high ranking teams for many years.

For his untiring dedication to the promotion of the sport of American Ten Pins, the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association is pleased to induct Robert J. Crytser, Sr. into its Hall of Fame.