

"Meritorious Service"



Jack Warren Loomis and his family have been involved in the business of bowling since the first bowling center in Cecil County was built in the mid 1930's. It was at this time that he rolled his first game and worked as pin boy.

He joined his first sanctioned league in the 1940's when lanes were unmarked wood with a shellac finish and the 3pound 12 ounce solid maple pins did not bounce but lay were they fell.

In the 1950's the Loomis's worked and bowled at Community Bowling Alley. At this 10 lane house on North Street in Elkton, Jack worked alongside his sister at the snack-bar as well as filling in as counter man and lane maintenance man.

Jack was part of the family owned and operated Cecil Lanes when it opened in August of 1960. He served as President of the organization from 1969 to 1984.

From 1961 to 1971 Jack carried the Cecil Lanes high average, averaging 199 over that period of time. His highest average was 208 in 1970, a time when 200 averages were unheard of.

His personal highs were his 289 game and 761 series rolled in 1964 setting new State and Local records. As an employee of the DuPont Chemical Company, Jack entered the prestigious DuPont Tournament featuring hundreds of bowlers from all over the United States. In 1976 he captured the All-Events Scratch title of this tournament with a 9 game series of 1910.

Bowling five decades in leagues in Delaware and in Cecil County and member of the Wilmington Major League, Jack has watched the sport grow and change. He believes that much of the success of the game is due to the countless volunteer hours of league officers and Association workers.

Jacks bowling career highs came in an era when the emphasis was on the team and cannot quote individual statistics. He credits the Cecil Harford Counties Bowling Association and people like Bob Marshall III. and Guy Rogers for the record keeping that allows us to honor the outstanding performances of the team player.

For his remarkable performance in the game of American Ten Pins. the Cecil Harford Counties Bowling Association is proud lo induct Jack Loomis into it's Hall of Fame.