

# "Superior Performance"



Ed Michael Davis Jr., was born September 17th, 1950 in Philadelphia. His family moved to Havre de Grace a couple of years later and Ed has lived there ever since.

When he was 14 years old, his father Ed Sr., a pretty good bowler himself, got young Eddie interested in the game. He bowled in the Harford Lanes junior program that year but the next season moved onto the adult leagues.

The following season, 1967, Eddie bowled 2 leagues at Bel Air Bowl and 2 leagues at Harford Lanes, one of them the inaugural season of the Bill Snavelly Scratch league. Today, Ed is one of two bowlers to have bowled in the Snavelly league for every one of it's 35years of existence.

That season Ed's high average was 180. Always a hard worker, he sought out good instruction and practiced tirelessly, perfecting his classic style. He reached the 190's by the 1969-70 season. In the 1973-74 season he booked his best 200 average, a 206 that was high in the Cecil- Harford Association. He duplicated this feat in the 74-75 season. Over that two year span only 5 other bowlers in the association averaged 200. In the 1983-84 season he carried the CHCBA's second high average at 212 and his lifetime high average came in the 1992-93 season at 217.

It was during the 1967-68 season at the age of 17 that Ed became the youngest howler in the association at the time to sheet a 700 series, rolling a 704. While he has bowled well over a hundred 700 sets and many big games, the coveted 300 game or 800 series eluded him for many years until one special night in January, 1993. Ed started his league that night with his first 300 game and didn't stop there. He continued striking in the second game until a solid ten pin on the 24th ball cost him hack to back perfect's. He finished the night with 249 to give him an 848 series and the CHCBA Merit Award for the 92-93 season. Since then he has added 2 more 300 games and a pair of 790 sets.

In 1974 Ed joined the PBA and held his membership for 10 years. He tried the National winter tour in 1980, bowled in 4 events and cashing twice. His best regional finish was a 3rd place at Perry Hall.

He has bowled in 27 ABC national championships since 1968 and carries a lifetime average of 190. In 1975 he paired up a 652 set with partner Joe Ciufu, Jr.'s 651 for a 1303 doubles score, good for 6th place.

Maryland State B.A. tournament titles 1976 Team Scratch. 1977 All-Events Scratch, and 1979 Team Scratch. Cecil-Harford Co. B.A. tournament titles 1982 Team Scratch, 1997 Team Scratch, 1998 Doubles Scratch, and 1986 Team Handicap.

Possibly Eddie's finest moment was winning the 1976 Landgraf Memorial Tournament at the Bowl-More Rec Center in New York City. This prestigious, annual scratch event, known for its tough lane conditions, attracted the top bowlers from all over the country, amateur and professional alike, to compete for the \$8000.00 first prize. Eddie's 4 game score of 907 was 45 pins better than the second place score.

Other tournament highlights: Early seventies: Two Harford Lanes Summer Doubles Scratch titles. 1978 Lebanon Dutchman Scratch Team title. Late seventies: Perry Hall Saturday Night Scratch Sweepers -20+ wins. 1982 Harford Invitational -3rd place. 1996 Harford Lanes High Rollers Tournament Champion.

Ed spent 4 years, 1983-1987, as a director for the CHCBA. From 1979 to 1985 he worked with Jerry Faro as a junior league coach at Harford Lanes. His thorough knowledge and mastery of the basic fundamentals of the game that he worked so hard to learn as a young man are rarely equaled today in the local bowling community. He eagerly shared that knowledge during that time and only gave up coaching the kids when he took over the Pro Shop at Harford Lanes and needed to spend Saturdays servicing the bowlers in the shop.

The Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association proudly recognizes Edward M. Davis, Jr. for his many years of accomplishment in the sport of tenpin bowling by inducting him into their Hall of Fame for Superior Performance.