

"Meritorious Service"



Francis J. "Frank" Zelechowski was born on July 5, 1938, and raised in Highlantown. He graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute "B" course in 1957, he is married to Patricia, and this August 6, 2003 will be 43 years.

He has worked as a superintendent and contract manager for McLean Contracting since 1958 (44+ years) and still working at present.

Frank began bowling in the Tuesday Night and Roadrunner League at Colt

Lanes Dundalk (formally Fairlanes & presently AMF) in 1962. He served as the league Vice-President and President for the Tuesday Night League from 1964 -1972 and the league Secretary/Treasurer for the Road Runners on Thursday from 1965 -1975. Presently, since 1996 he is the Secretary/Treasurer for the Jack Bailey Memorial League, and he is also the Secretary/Treasurer for the Monday Nite Men's Handicap League since 2002. Frank also served on the CHYABA board as vice president in 2001-2002.

Frank and his wife with their 5 children moved to Eel Air in 1977. In 1977 Frank started bowling at Bel Air Bowl being pan of the league champion on the Tuesday Community League in his first season from a walk-on or make-up team. Frank was elected to the CHCBA Board of Directors in 1987. In 1991 he succeeded Bob Thomas , Association Secretary/Treasurer.

Frank has taken the initiative moving the CHCBA into the technology age. He has constantly upgraded the CHCBA making it more efficient and effective.

As Association Executive Director, Frank has been a delegate to the ABC National Convention each year, voting on the ABC Constitution, playing rules, and electing the leaders of ABC.

The CHCBA Annual Tournament is also under Frank's direction. He is responsible for the entry forms, fees and prize fund as Executive Director. During his tenure as Executive Director he has also assisted with 3 Maryland State Bowling Association Tournaments hosted by the CHCBA. He has also been the Tournament Director for the State Mixed Totnament in 1997, 1998, 2001 and 2002. Since 1994 Frank has worked for USA Bowling conducting the Maryland/Delaware State Finals for TEAM USA. In 2000 Frank agreed with Bonnie Kissner to take over the responsibilities as

the tournament director for the local Valentine Tournament. He and Judy Wheeler in 1991 initiated and started the HCWBA and CHCBA local Mixed Tournament. In 2002, Frank initialed the CHCBA Golden Drake Seniors Single Tournament, with Bonnie Kissner by combining with the HCWBA Seniors Tournament.

Frank has achieved success in his senior years on the lanes as well. His high game is 288 and his best series is 763. Frank has won 4 gold medals in the Maryland Senior Olympics, 5 gold medals in the Northeast Region Senior Olympics and a bronze medal in the National Senior Olympics doubles event with Melvin Kissner. All these medals were in the doubles event with his partners Melvin Kissner (7 events) and Rich Bucey (2 events). Presently in Maryland Senior Olympics 55-59 age pup he and Melvin Kissner hold the doubles record (1220) and in the North Chesapeake Region Senior Olympics age group (50-59) he and Richard Bucey hold the doubles record (1407). He also holds a Pro-Am title for the Regional WIBC tournament Held at Harford Lanes in 1999.

For his years of hard work and ongoing dedication to the sport of tenpin bowling and the American Bowling Congress, the Cecil-Hatford Counties Bowling Association is proud to induct Frank L. Zelechowski into it Hall of Fame.