

# "Superior Performance"



Michael M. (Mike) Lastowski was born in Baltimore, Maryland on September 16, 1944. He moved to Harford County in 1967 and currently resides in Aberdeen.

Mike started bowling in 1959 in the Junior Bowling Program at Fair Lanes Ritchie. He progressed into the adult leagues and, at the age of 21, paired with Jim Podowski to capture the 1965 Maryland State Doubles title with a record total at that time. He also was a member of the State Championship team in 1965. These were

the first of seven state titles spanning three decades, the most recent being the reigning Doubles Champion while paired with Don Connore and establishing the current record pinfall of 1440 in the process.

In addition to his state titles, Mike holds 160 titles in the Cecil-Harford Association Tournaments, with at least one in each event. His other titles include seven from the Greater Baltimore Association, three for the Maryland BPAA, five from the GBBA 700 Club and three from the CHCBA 700 Club.

However, as impressive as the above record is, Mike's greatest accomplishment came in 1983, in Niagara Falls, NY, when he went head to head with Earl Anthony and then Pete Weber enroute to winning the \$40,500 ABC Masters championship. The victory changed Mike's life, with Fair Lanes offering him a sponsorship on the PBA Tour. After six months on tour, an opening in the technical services department of Fair Lanes became available, and though a difficult decision, Mike elected to accept the position and he is currently manager of that department.

Some of Mike's other accomplishments on the lanes include his high season average of 218, a lifetime high series of 835 (the current CHCBA record), and a high game of 299. He also has well over 100 700 series to his credit. He has bowled in 20 National Championships, 24 State Championships and 21 CHCBA Championships.

Mike has also been active off the lanes as well. He was a director of the CACBA for one term and, for the last two years, has represented the CHCBA as one of our delegates to the National Convention. He is currently serving on the Bowling Ball Sub-committee of the Equipment and Specification Committee of ABC as well as being a contributing writer for Bowlers Journal magazine.

In recognition of his outstanding achievement, both on and off the lanes as listed above, the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association is proud to induct Michael M. Lastowski into its Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category.