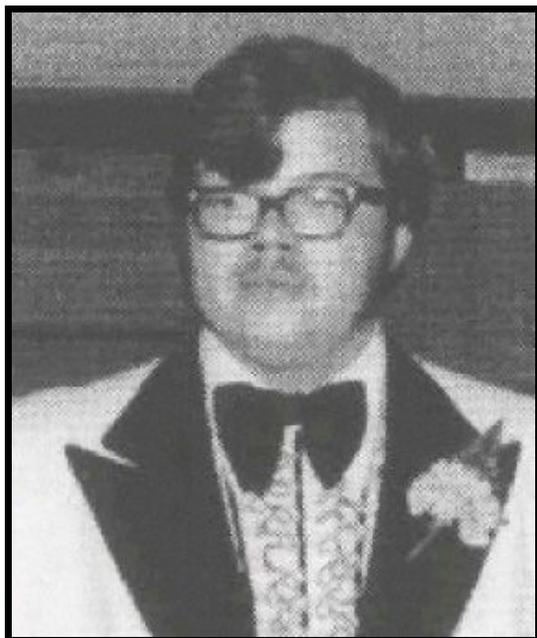


"Superior Performance"



John Thomas McCutcheon was born August 25, 1952 at Kirk Army Hospital, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Maryland to Sgt. William R. (Mac) and Martha-Anne McCutcheon. John attended grades 1 thru 8 in the Edgewood area before moving to Bel Air where he graduated from Bel Air High School in 1970. While in high school he was a member of the track and field team.

It was during his high school years that his interest in bowling increased. He joined the AJBC program at Bel Air Bowl where he came under the tutelage of Bob and Laura Thomas. Although trying their

patience on a regular basis with his hot temper he continued to develop into a talented bowler.

John joined the ranks of ABC in 1971. During this time he was easy to find. Every night of the week was spent at Bel Air Bowl. In 1972 Laverne Britton gathered a number of young aspiring bowlers to shape into two teams representing Bel Air Bowl. With the input of Laverne's knowledge of the game John took his game to the next level.

The next ten years saw lane surfaces go from lacquer to urethane and water-based urethane finishes. Pins changed from plastic coated to surlyn covers. Bowling balls changed from hard rubber to plastic to "bleeders" to the first urethanes. It was during this time that John dominated the local bowling scene. It didn't matter what surface or what ball, John was always competitive.

John was probably best remembered for his total domination of the Harford Lanes Invitational Scratch Tournament. In a period of eight years (1974 thru 1981) he won the tournament five times. No one else had won it more than twice. It was head to head competition that suited John perfectly. He thrived on the chance to beat you with a clutch shot.

During his short career John bowled over fifty 700 series with his high of 765 coming at Harford Lanes. His high game was 289 and his highest league average was 203 during the 1979/180 season. He howled in nine national ABC tournaments with his best performance in Baltimore with a 675 series in singles. He also bowled in 12 MSBA and 13 CHCBA championship tournaments. In the 1982 MSBA tournament he shot three 700 series for a 2 100+ all events scratch score. It finished 2nd scratch but was high enough for 1st handicap. However a mix up in his entry didn't pay the all event fee and he could not win.

In 1978 he finished 2nd in the MSBA scratch doubles with a 1291 score.

John also gave back to the game in service. Before his death in 1984 he served four years on the CHCBA Board of Directors. He served one year as the Association President and one year as a state director from CHCBA. He was an AJBC certified coach and taught at Bel Air Bowl from 1971 thru 1975 with Bob and Laura Thomas.

There is little doubt from those who knew John that his bowling future would have been bright and eventful. It is hard to imagine in this age of mega-scoring what kind of numbers may have been recorded by him.

In recognition of his performance in the game of American Ten- pins the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association is proud to induct John Thomas McCutcheon into its Hall of Fame.