

"Superior Performance"



Frederick Joseph Spies was born on December 7th, 1940 in Baltimore. He has lived his entire life in Harford County and now lives with his wife, Tammy, in Aberdeen. This past December he retired from the State Highway Administration where he had been employed since 1965. In 1970, at age 29 Fred finished a 6 year tour of duty in the National Guard.

Needing something to occupy his free time, he wandered into Harford Lanes and joined a league. Within a couple of years he was bowling in 7 leagues a week and working part-time at the Aberdeen alley.

League bowling has always been a big part of Fred's life as he has been a regular in 3 or more leagues every season since, in addition to being readily available to sub any night for anyone who asks. He has always approached his league participation with a sense of responsibility and loyalty not always found in scratch bowlers, and it shows in his pride in his many league champion citations.

This season, despite his bowling activity being curtailed by illness, he is still a regular on two leagues that he has bowled with since the early 70's.

But tournaments are where you make your mark and by the mid 70's Fred had raised his game to a point where he set out on the tournament trail with other top local bowlers. From 1980 to 1984 he was a member of the PBA and cashed in 6 of the 8 regional tournaments that he bowled in during that time. His first ABC tournament was 1973 and he has bowled in 21 tournaments to date.

Maryland Slate B.A. Championship

Cecil-Harford Co. B.A

Tournament Titles-

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1977 Team Scratch

1997 Team scratch

1979 Team Scratch

1998 Doubles Scratch

1991 Singles Scratch

1986 Team Handicap

Other tournaments -

Harford Invitational -1976 Champion; 1977 & 1979 Runner-Up; 1984 4th place.
Harford Lanes Seniors invitational -1997 Runner-UP
1977 Landgraf Memorial (New York City) 6th Place -\$700
During the 1982-83 season Fred bowled his first 300 game during league play at Harford Lanes.

He has since added 4 more for a total of five. His high series is an 802 bowled in January, 1998. Other ABC awards include many 700 series dating back to the middle 70's, 11 in a row (297), Triplicate 225's and a 7-10 conversion.

Over the years Fred has earned a reputation as a clutch, team player. His teams usually line him up in the anchor spot, even though he is rarely the high average among them, for his ability to deliver when a match is on the line.

In recognition of his accomplishments in the sport of tenpin bowling, the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association is proud to induct Frederick Spies, II. into their Hall of Fame for Superior Performance.