

"Superior Performance & Meritorious Service"



Robert W. Evans. Known as Bob to his many friends, had a big bowling year in 1995. He rose to the pinnacle in the sport, both in performance and service. In March he captured the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association All-Events Scratch Championship. He followed this up in May with his election as President of the Maryland State Bowling Association.

Success didn't come suddenly for Bob but was the culmination of years of practice, dedication and hard work.

Bob's first major Tournament Championship was in 1976 when he won the Maryland State Bowling Association All-Events Scratch title. He added a Maryland State Bowling Association team title in 1987. Additionally he won many local titles prior to his Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association All-Events win in 1995. He has bowled more than one hundred 700 series with a personal best of 778. Bob is still seeking that elusive 300 game but has rolled 299.

His 20 years of service to the sport is equally distinguished. On the local level Bob has served in every office except Association Secretary. In 1988 he was elected a life member to the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association.

Bob has been elected to every office in the Maryland State Bowling Association except Executive-Director. In 1990 he was recognized as Maryland State Bowling Association Director of the year.

In addition to his sports on the mens local and state Associations. Bob currently serves on the Maryland Ten Pin Council, and is a Director on the Maryland State Young American Bowling Alliance and the Cecil-Harford Young American Bowling Alliance. "Coach" is just one more title that Bob Evans carries as he supports his son Bobby and many other young bowlers through their activities at Forest Hill Lanes, Bel Air Bowl, the Cecil-Harford YABA Travel League, and Tournament competition.

The development of the ABC License Plate Program was Bob's work and in 1993 he presented the tag ABCOOOO to the National Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum for display on the "Pin Car".

Bob began bowling in 1962 when he moved to Edgewood with his parents, Robert H Evans and Margaret Thetis Evans. Starting at the Center at Edgewood Arsenal, Bob's first league venture was at Bel Air Bowl in 1963.

During his high school years at Edgewood. Bob participated in Cross Country, Track and Golf. He graduated from Edgewood High School in 1966.

Bob served in the Air Force from 1967-1970 where his game developed. While stationed in Okinawa. Bob first began testing a finger tip grip under the coaching of his Master Sergeant Bill Cowan and his average climbed to 192 by September of 1970.

Upon his return to Harford County, Bob really became an active bowler posting 9 yearbook averages in 1972. During this time he traveled to many tournaments with the many other young bowlers from Bel Air Bowl. It was the advice, mentoring, and fellowship of coaches like Laverne Britton. Bob Thomas, and Bob Cryster that got Bob Evans on his path to bowling success.

In recognition of his outstanding record, both on and of the lanes, in the sport of American Ten Pins, The Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association is proud to induct Robert W. Evans into its Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance and Meritorious categories.