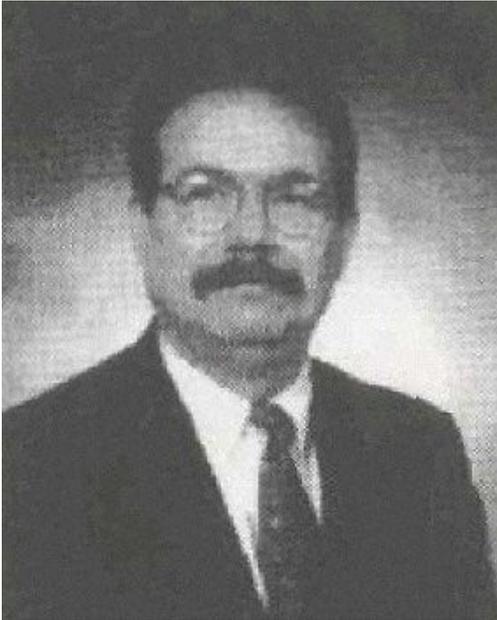


"Superior Performance & Meritorious Service"



Michael Leonard Bowers was born on April 30, 1955, in Havre de Grace, Maryland. His parents, Catherine and Leonard, introduced him to bowling when, at the age of eight they enrolled him in a junior league at Ideal (Harford) Lanes. He continued to bowl in youth leagues until he entered high school, where Mike lettered in varsity soccer and tennis. Mike resumed his bowling career in 1973, when he joined the Bowling Team at Harford Community College.

Mike recorded his first Yearbook average, a 162, during the 1973- 74 season in the Swan Creek Country Club League at Harford Lanes. Since then, he has dramatically improved his game, boasting a career high Yearbook average of 223. He is currently averaging 230.

Mike has had many accomplishments in the sport of bowling since that first year, including nine 300 games, three 299's and two 298's. He has also rolled three 800 series, including an 844 which earned him the ABC Award of Merit for the Greater Baltimore Bowling Association in 1990-91. At this time, he has bowled 421 700 series.

Mike has posted an impressive tournament record in the Cecil- Harford Association Annual Championships. He has won the Scratch Singles Event, as well as, the Handicap Singles and Handicap All Events. He has won five Scratch Doubles Titles, four paired with Cecil-Harford Hall of Famer, Richard McFadden, Sr. He has also been a member of five Championship Scratch Teams. His latest Scratch Team Title was won this January in the CHCBNHCWBA Mixed Team Tournament.

In the Annual Maryland State Bowling Association Tournaments Mike has won five titles. He has won the Scratch Singles, Scratch Doubles, Scratch Team, and Handicapped Team events. Additionally, he won the Scratch Mixed Doubles, teamed with his wife, BWBA Hall of Famer, Margie Cook-Bowers.

Other Achievements include one CHCBA 700 Club title with his first 300 game bowled in the final match, one GBBA 700 Club title, and a runner-up finish in a PBA regional event held at Crofton Lanes in 1987. Mike (844) and his teammates, Jim Spicer (723), Vince Smith (677), and Richard McFadden, Sr. (735), won the ABC

National High Score Award in 1990-91, by rolling the third highest four man team series bowled in sanctioned competition, a 2979. He has also bowled in the past sixteen consecutive ABC National Tournaments.

Mike has also given back to the sport of bowling with his relentless service. He first became a member of the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association in 1974, and has served on its Board of Directors since 1982. He served as its President from 1984-87, it's Vice President from 1987-95, and continues to serve as a Life Member since his election in 1995.

Shortly after his election as President, Mike implemented the association's vision and founded the CHCBA Hall of Fame. He has served as its chairman for the past ten years. Under his leadership, the CHCBA 700 Club was organized and started. He was its tournament director for the first several years. Mike served with CHCBA Hall of Famer. Bob Evans on the In-School Bowling Committee. He also served on the Audit and Nominating Committees.

In addition to his service to his local association, Mike was a Maryland State Bowling Association Director from 1984-87, where he developed the idea to name the Annual State Tournament in honor of Joe Moore. He also chaired the committee to institute its Hall of Fame and has served as its chairman since its inception in 1994.

Since 1992, Mike has voluntarily served as Maryland's first Director to the American Bowling Congress. He is currently serving on the ABC Equipment Specifications, the Planning, the Governance, and the Tournaments Committees. He previously served on two Site Selection Committees, and the 100th Anniversary Committee. He has recently been appointed to the ABC Hall of Fame Board for a three year term.

Therefore, in recognition of his achievements and outstanding performance, as well as, his years of relentless service to the sport of American Tenpins, the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association is proud to induct Michael Leonard Bowers into its Hall of Fame on this 15th day of February, 1997, as a member in both its Superior Performance and Meritorious Service Categories.