44th Annual

Hall of Fame
and
Bowler Recognition Dinner









August 13, 2015

Program

Welcome and Introductions	MBA President Jerry Wilson
Introduction of Hall of Fame	MBA Association Manager Bill Dennis
Remember	Video Presentation
Dinner	Market Street Diner
Bowler Recognitions	**Presenter**
High Series David Henes	MBA Director Trevor Habich
High Average Casey Gibney	MBA Director Mark Habich
High Composite Average Nate Sime	MBA Director Don Aslakson
Jim Grady Bowler of the Year Nate Sime	MBA Vice President George Dorn
Dan Mack Senior Bowler of the Year Herb Kimpel	MBA Director Phil Leighton
Legion of Honor	
William D. "Frosty" Frost	Mark Henry
Z. Charles Reithmeyer	Tim Reithmeyer
Fred G. Engelke Scholarship	
Samantha Ehrler	Jerry Hoddinott
Hall of Fame Induction	
Michael J. Kelly	Veterans
Donald R. Leighton	Veterans
Donald A. Bussan	Meritorious Service
Thomas C. Smyth	Distinguished Performance
Closing	

Legion of Honor

The Legion of Honor was established in 1988 to honor both the memory and records of deceased MBA members whose commendable service and/or bowling achievements may have been dimmed by the passage of time or by the performances of more contemporary bowlers. The Madison USBC Bowling Association accords its recognition of these meritorious individuals by naming them to deserved membership in its Legion of Honor.

1988
Vic Adler
Ed 'Sarge' Easter
Billy Hoven
Dewey Roberts
Ed Wirka

1989
Al Blaser
Jack Hilgers
Bill Lazarz
'Buzz' Neubauer
George Oakey

1990
Walter Dahl
Charles 'Buck' Kennison
Lloyd McCann
Larry Nissen
Chuck Stampfl

1991
Leroy 'Punk' Bowes
'Gilly' Brumm
Auby Ehrmann
Duane Grinde
Orville 'Rusty' Syse

1992
Les Higbie
Carl Luckensmeyer
Ed Schmitz
Duane 'Buss' Topp

1993
Clarence Chivers
Eddie Toellner
Ollie Wheeler
Bernard 'Bun' White

1994
Ray Hilsenhoff
Roger Kasper
Ken Woerpel

1996
Gordon 'Gordy' Kraut
James G. Woodburn

1997
H.G. 'Hy' Smith
George Paltz
Leo Tester

1998
Sam DeGregory
Dan Mack
Duaine 'Dewey' Moore

2003
Joe Heibl
Don Phelan

2004
Ed Lundey

2007
Harlan L. Frank
Julius T. Porter

2008
Billy Harrelson
Shigeru Nakahira

2009
Larry Kivlin

2012
Don Thorpe

2015
Charlie Reithmeyer
Bill 'Frosty' Frost

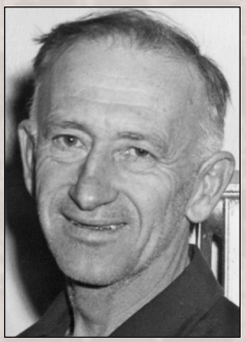
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1972



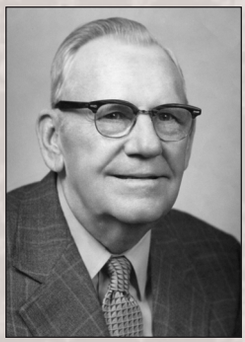
Bill Blau*

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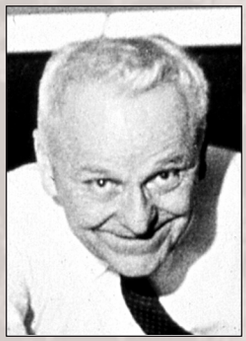
John Bossart*

1972



Ray Farness*

1972



Pim Quinn*

1972



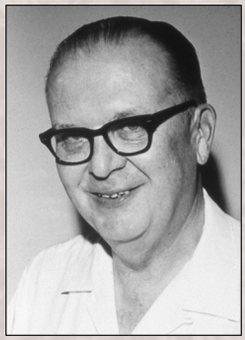
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1973



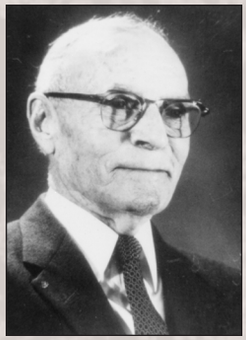
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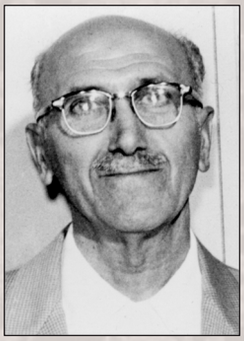
Mel Schwoegler*

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Art Stang*

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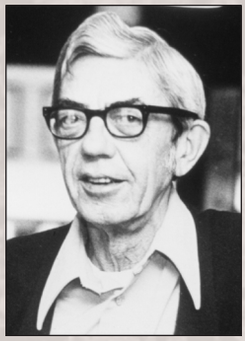
Matt Zwank*

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Billy Carroll*

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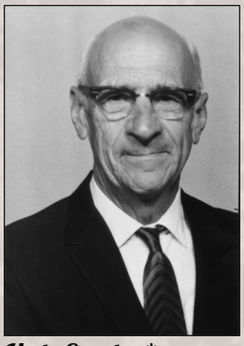
Gil Fischl*

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Bill Lee*

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Hub Spahn*

1975



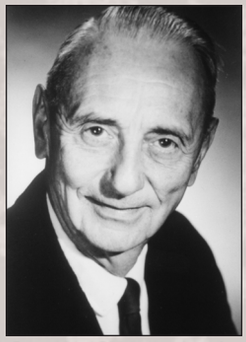
Gene Adler*

1975



Charles Allen*

1975



Scotty Skidmore*

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Stan Thaden*

1976



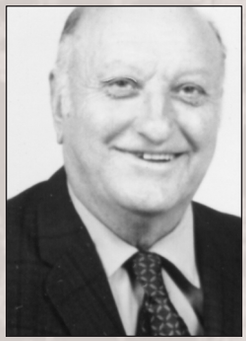
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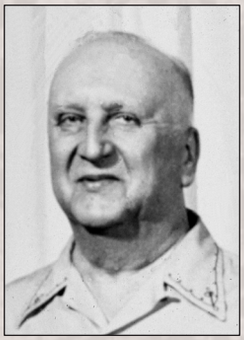
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Bob Schernecker*

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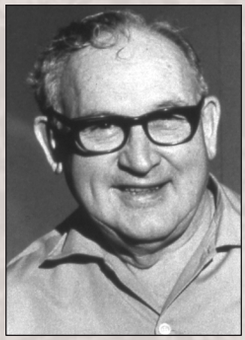
Tony Schwoegler*

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Bill Dye*

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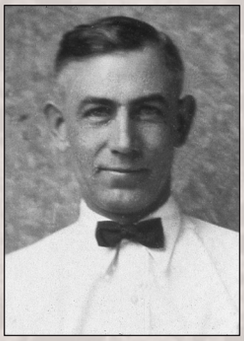
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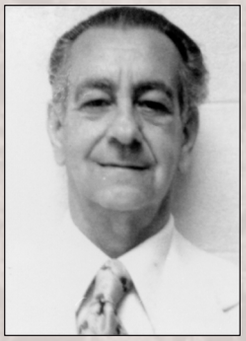
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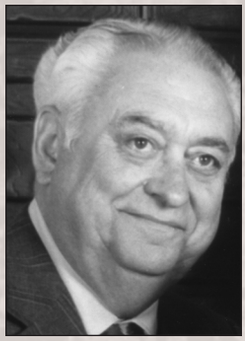
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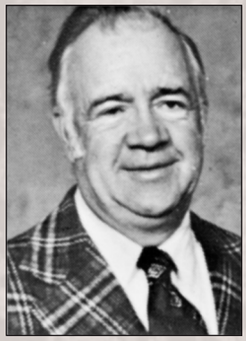
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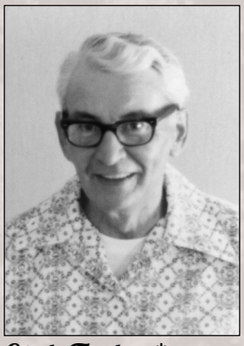
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Ed Iverson*

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Stub Tucker*

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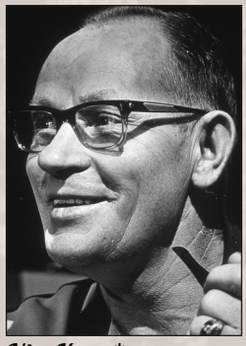
Ralph Brown*

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Cully Freund*

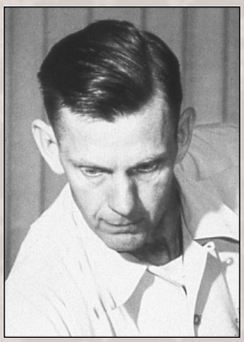
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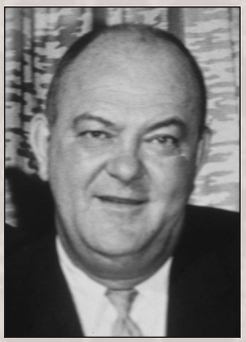
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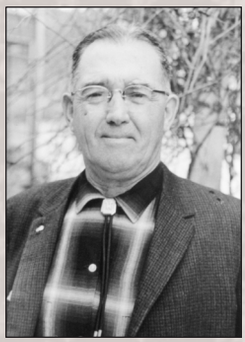
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Chuck Carey*

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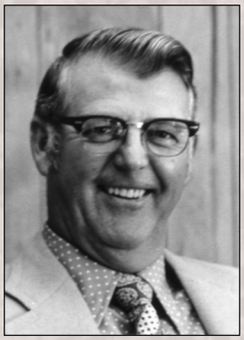
Vic Oakey*

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Nick Petratta*

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Fred Engelke*

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Casey Kasbaum*

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Chuck Weigen*

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Alex Pirola*

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Stan Schultz*

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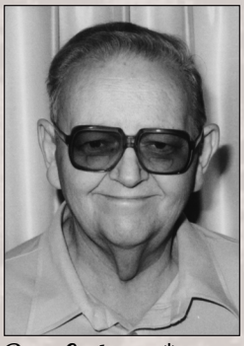
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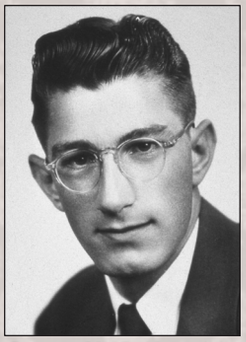
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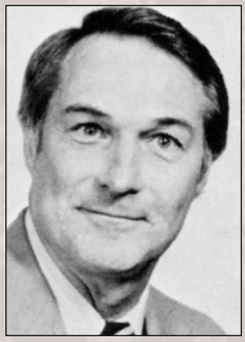
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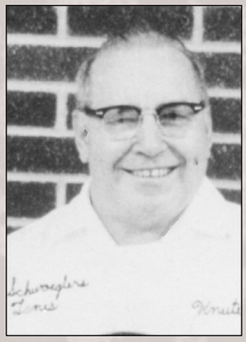
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Chuck Medcraft

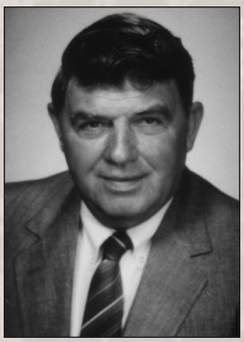
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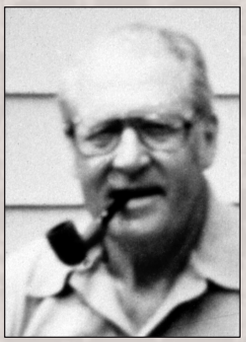
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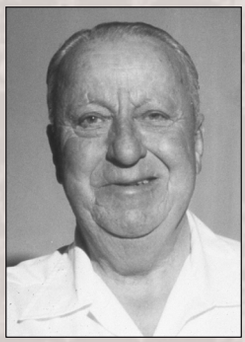
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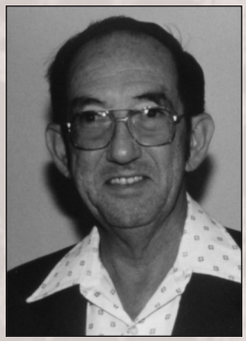
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Ray Paltz*

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Chris Andersen

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Dean Johnson*

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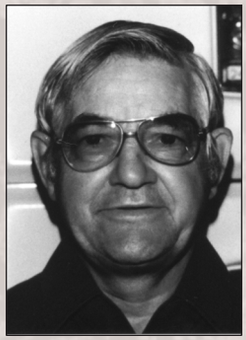
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Bob DeZonia Sr.*

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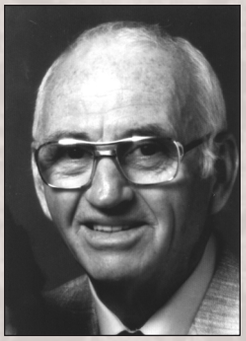
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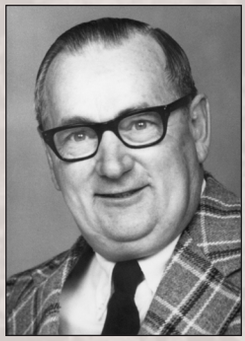
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1987



Bun Crowley*

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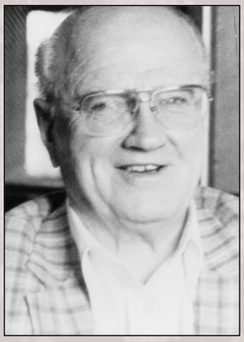
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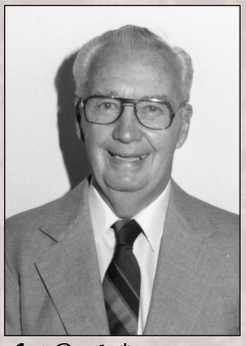
Jumbo Woller*

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Joe Dommershausen*

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Art Rude*

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Bruce Bryan

1989



Norm Hanson*

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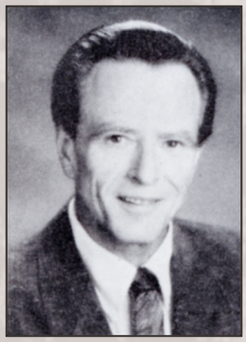
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1990



Jim Fladen

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Roger Niesen

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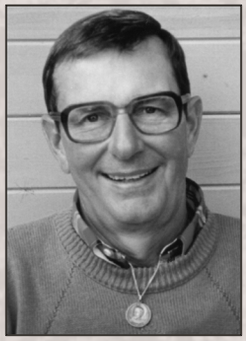
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Paul Loder

1991



Bill Schwoegler

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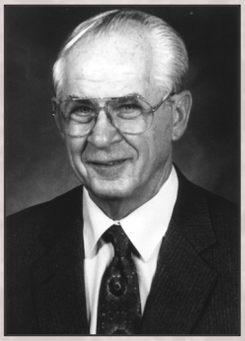
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Wally Kainz*

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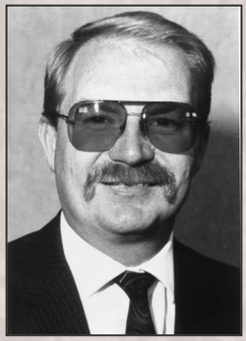
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Chuck Johnston

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Darold Meisel*

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Phil Leighton

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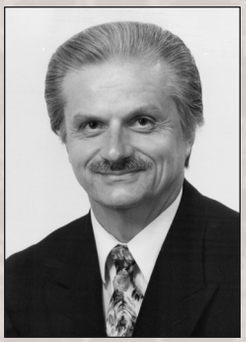


Larry McDowell

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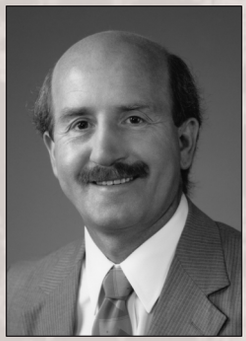
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Jim Nye

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Gary Strand

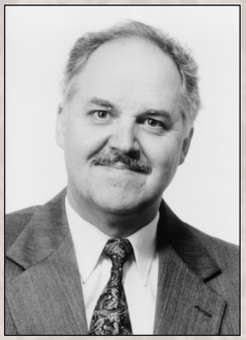
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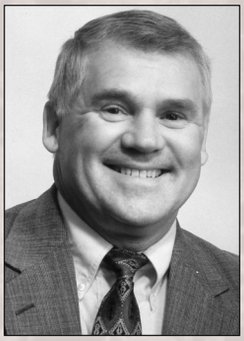
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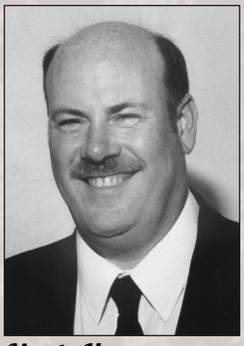
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Wally Ziesch

1999

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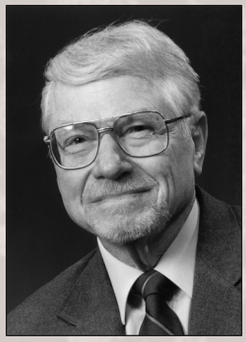
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Mark Henry

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Rob Bailey

2000

Ken Woerpel*

2001

Armand Richman*

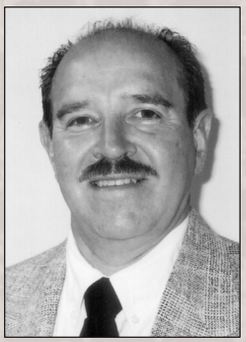
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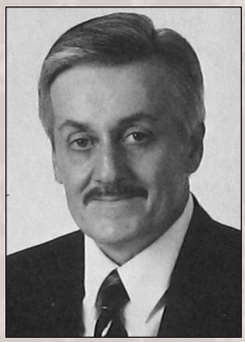
Jerry Murphy

2002



Jesse Parizo

2003



Bud Frye

2003



Mark Habich

2004



Jerry Anderson*

2004



Tom Klossner

2006



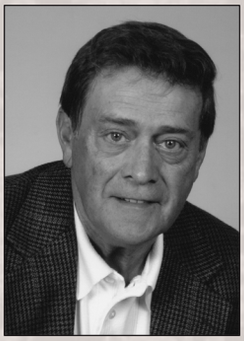
Jeff Barsness

2006



Ken Foster

2006



Jerry Hermanson

2006



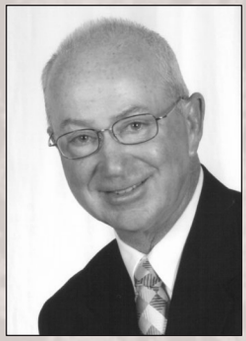
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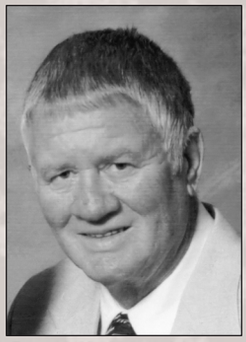
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Greg Pursell

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Joel Carlson

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Dave Erickson

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John Breunig

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Kenny Smith

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Phil Dowling

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Chris Gibbons

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Eric Pederson

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Tom Howery

2014



Doc Tietz

Michael J. Kelly















Born: October 9, 1947

Mike Kelly's prowess on the lanes was evident early on. He was a 1964 graduate of the junior bowling program, winning a special junior bowling TV tournament at Hillside Lanes that same year. Three years later, Kelly became the youngest bowler in the MBA to roll a 300 game on March 1, 1967 at the age of 19. Kelly's junior traveling league team won multiple championships.

Success on the lanes continued collegiately as a member of the Madison Vocational Technical school team. Kelly led his school to first place in the conference, and to a conference tournament win. Kelly returned to school in the 1980's, bowling for Madison Area Technical College where he posted the high conference average (215), earned All-State honors, All-Academic team honors, and qualified for Team America tryouts.

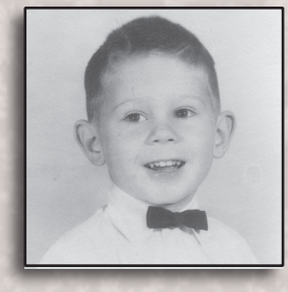
Kelly rolled three more perfect games in MBA competition, including the first ever at Dream Lanes. His high single season average was 218 in 1995-96. He took home one City Tournament Title in 1988 in the team event for Home Savings & Loan, and earned a 1980 state doubles championship with a 765.

Donald R. Leighton















Born: November 29, 1958

For 39 years, Don Leighton has been a solid competitor on the lanes. Across three decades, he has recorded supernational series scores and won MBA tournament championships. He rolled the first of his four 800 series with a personal best of 833 in 1985, and added others in 1991, 1996, and 2013.

His first MBA title came in 1985 as a member of the Whitey's 2 team. In 1994, he bowled a 771 set in doubles to earn the Division 1 Doubles Championship with 1470.

Nearly 30 years after his first win, Leighton earned his first Senior City Tournament title, winning Singles in the 2014 MBA Senior City tournament with a 774 set, including a 299 game. He rolled a 300 game in the same tournament the previous season.

To date, he has rolled 19 perfect games. He booked his high single season average of 225 in 2003-04.

Don joins his father and tournament championship teammate, Phil Leighton, in the MBA Hall of Fame.

Donald A. Bussan















Born: December 22, 1954

As a proprietor of Bowl-A-Vard Lanes, Prairie Lanes, and Ten Pin Alley, Don Bussan has provided the Madison area with top flight centers for our local league, tournament, and fund-raising events since 1989.

Bussan's centers have hosted Bowl for the Cure, Special Olympics, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and scores of other charitable events. His centers host high school, collegiate, city, state, and professional tournaments.

Following the fire that destroyed the original Bowl-A-Vard Lanes on East Washington Avenue, Bussan didn't walk away. He built a brand new 4.5 million dollar, state of the art, 40 lane Bowl-A-Vard. Even as league membership rolls declined, he built again – this time the 32 lane Ten Pin Alley in Fitchburg.

It takes a special understanding to transcend business interests with a true support for the health of bowling. Don accomplishes this by embracing a "what is good for one is good for all' philosophy. His centers thrive due to this, and bowling thrives, too.

The Madison Bowling Association and our members deeply appreciate the effort, care, generosity and commitment that Don Bussan has given our sport.

Don joins his father, Bob Bussan, and uncle, Leo Bussan, in the MBA Hall of Fame.

Thomas C. Smyth















Born: November 5, 1967

Tom Smyth's Hall of Fame career began as a youth bowler at Nakoma Lanes where he won high scratch score recognitions and ultimately a 1984-85 youth City Team title, and an All-Star Traveling league championship the same year.

Smyth continued bowling collegiately, one year for MATC & three for UW-Whitewater, earning numerous championships in team and individual tournament play, including an all-time tournament high series of 812 in the St. Louis 64-team collegiate match games in 1988.

His successes continued to adult leagues and tournaments. He earned an MBA tournament title in 2002-03 with Parktowne Pro Shop, and has had a number of top five finishes in singles and all-events. He has also collected four Madison Area Scratch Tour titles, and an additional three runner-up finishes – in seven different centers.

Smyth's high average of 234 came in the 2013-14 season. To date, he has had 13 300 games, and nine 800 series with a high of 838. Oddly, he bowled a 700 before he had a 600 (714 as a youth bowler), and had 800 before any perfect games. When he finally broke the 300 barrier, he did it on consecutive nights in 1993.

Hall of Fame

The Madison USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame is dedicated to the recognition of the outstanding bowlers and dedicated servants of the Madison area who through their competitive skills, high personal standards and dedicated principles have enriched the general welfare, spirit, reputation and progress of the sport of tenpin bowling.

Distinguished Performance

An individual should have established a documented record of outstanding performance in the sport of bowling. Some portion of the candidate's record must have been established as a member of the Madison USBC Bowling Association. Achievements might include but are not be limited to local, state, or national tournament championships; multiple years of awards recognition in high score categories, etc. The most important criteria will be performance above and beyond the ordinary.

Meritorious Service

An individual should have demonstrated service, devotion, ideas and ideals, contributions, or milestone achievements above and beyond the ordinary to the sport of bowling, and outside the framework of competitive bowling. Some portion of the candidate's service must have been established as a member of the Madison USBC Bowling Association.

Veterans

Individuals, at least 55 years of age, whose achievements and/or service to the sport of bowling and to the local, state, or national membership services organizations may have been diminished simply due to the passage of time or overshadowed by more contemporary performers or performances.

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For his continued efforts digitizing MBA historical archives.

MBA All City Teams

All-City First Team

Jim Grady Bowler of the Year
Nate Sime

Sime was the MBA high composite average bowler this season, with a 230.9 in qualifying leagues. He averaged 233 in the Golfers league at Village Lanes, and 228 in the Wednesday Night Classic league at Viking Lanes. His high series was 837 – a 279 triplicate. He also had a pair of perfect games, one of them part of a perfect 600 doubles game with partner Casey Gibney in the MBA City Tournament. He was second in team and doubles, 15th in singles, and was the all events titlist with 2236.

Chris Gibbons

Gibbons earned the MBA Masters title this season, his second. In league play, he rolled a pair of perfect games and a pair of 800 series'; with a high of 815 in the Mixed Nuts league at Bowl-A-Vard where he averaged 236. He was on the second place scratch team in the MBA City Tournament. In MAST competition, he made five of nine cuts with a second place finish at Leisure Lanes in Monroe. His best performance this year was a top 50 showing at the USBC Open Championship, where he posted a 2011 all events total.

Dan Swenson

Swenson booked a 228 average in the Dream Lanes Major league this season. He was on the second place scratch team in the MBA City Tournament, placed second in singles with an 813 series – including a 300 game, and finished fourth in all events with 2199. He made four of 11 MAST cuts with a high finish of second in the doubles event at Lake Ripley Lanes in Cambridge.

Derek Eoff

Eoff once again led the Bullseye Masters league in average this season, booking a 229. He rolled three perfect games, one in regular league play, one in the Bullseye Masters, and one in the MAST event at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes on the USBC Open Championships Team lane condition. He also had an 812 series in the Bullseye league. He was runner up in the MBA Masters, and finished fifth in the singles event of the MBA City Tournament with 783. He was a perfect six of six in MAST events, winning the Lake Ripley Lanes doubles event.

Chris Pounders

Pounders fired three perfect games and three 800 series' this season, with a high average of 238 in the 5th Quarter Scratch Doubles league at Ten Pin Alley. In MAST tournament competition, he was five for 12 in cuts, finishing third in the point standings. At the USBC Open Championships, he placed in the top 50 in all events with a 2008 total.

All-City Second Team

Jacob Thomas

Thomas booked a 241 average in the Lions league at Middleton Sport Bowl, a 231 in the Dream Lanes Major League, and a 220 in the Bullseye Masters at Ten Pin Alley. He had a perfect game in the Bullseye league, and an 800 in the Lions league. In the MBA City Tournament, Thomas finished 11th in singles, and ninth in all events. He cut five out of eight MAST tournaments, with a second place finish at Schwoegler Entertainment Center's USBC minor events lane condition.

Terry Dunn

Dunn had a huge league season with four perfect games and four 800 series' in four different leagues at Dream Lanes, where he booked a high average of 234 in the Opposites league. He was on the MBA City Tournament scratch title team and on the fifth place team as well.

Rick Thomas

Thomas had four perfect games this year, one in the Bullseye Masters league, and four 800 series' with a high of 837. His high book average was 239 from the Lions league at Middleton Sport Bowl, and he averaged 215 in the Bullseye league. He was on the third place scratch team in the MBA City Tournament. He won the Leisure Lanes stop on the MAST, and cut five out of six events. At the USBC Open Championships, he fired a 701 in singles to place 133rd.

Brent Ritchie

Ritchie rolled one perfect game this season in the Dream Lanes Major league. He finished in fifth place in the MBA Masters. In the MBA City Tournament, he was 20th in singles and third in all events with 2207. In MAST competition, he made five of nine cuts.

Casey Gibney

Gibney was the MBA High Individual Average award winner this season at 241 in the Friday 3 Man league at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes. He placed second in both the team event and doubles event of the MBA City Tournament, throwing a perfect 600 game with partner Nate Sime in the doubles event.

MBA All City Teams

All City Senior Team

Dan Mack Senior Bowler of the Year
Herb Kimpel

Kimpel posted one perfect game and three 800 series' this season, one in the MBA City Tournament team event. He averaged 239 in the Dream Lanes Major League. In the MBA City Tournament he was on the second and fifth place scratch teams, was third in doubles, and eighth in all events. In the MBA Senior City Tournament, he was second in singles with 760, and won the all events title with 2185. Kimpel finished in second place in the MBA Senior Masters. Kimpel made four of 11 MAST cuts, with a second place in the doubles event at Lake Ripley Lanes.

Jim Fosdick

Fosdick continues to annually rack up high scores in league play, this year with five perfect games and eight 800 series' over 762 league games and numerous tournaments. His high average this year was 240 in the All Star Classic league at Dream Lanes. Two of his 800's came in tournament play, with 812 in the Henry Hitter and 802 in the Prairie Open – events his team won. He placed fifth in doubles in the MBA City Tournament, contributing 782. In the WSBA Senior State Tournament, Fosdick took second in scratch singles with 762, and third in scratch all events with 2113.

Rick Erce

Erce rolled a pair of 300 games, one in the MBA Senior City Tournament, and an 800 series. He posted averages of 232 in the Moonlight league and 231 in the All Star Classic league at Dream Lanes. In the MBA Senior Masters, he successfully defended his title. In the MBA Senior City, he added a doubles title, contributing 794. In the MBA City Tournament, he finished fourth in doubles. In MAST competition, he made two cuts out of 11 events.

Marc McDowell

McDowell rolled a pair of 300 games, and an 800 series in the Golfers league at Village Lanes, where he averaged 235. He placed 4th in the MBA Masters, and 25th in the singles event of the MBA City Tournament. At the USBC Open Championships, he placed 18th in Doubles. He made three of three cuts in the MAST, earning a win in the doubles event at Middleton Sport Bowl.

Kevin Thompson

Thompson rolled one 300 game in the Senior Master league this season. He averaged 222 there, 219 in the Dream Lanes Major league, and 203 in the Bullseye Masters. He earned a pair of MBA Titles in the team event of the MBA City Tournament (771) and Senior City Tournament (727). In the MBA Senior City Tournament, he placed third in all events and doubles. He added a third place finish in the MBA Senior Masters to his season resume. He was five of 12 in MAST tournament events, with a win at Badger Bowl.

Association Manager All-City Team

Mike Hoffman

Mike rolled one 300 game this year, in the Bullseye Masters league where he averaged 221. He was the MAST points leader this season, making the cut in a tour leading seven of 12 events, with a win at Spartan Bowl and a runner-up finish at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes.

Brian Hoffman

Brian rolled a 300 game in the Golfers league at Village Lanes, and was averaging 242 over 12 games. He finished in the top 10 of three MBA City Tournament events with a fourth in team, ninth in doubles, and 10th in all events.

Matt Ruhland

Ruhland had three perfect games in three different leagues and a pair of 800 series, one in the MBA City Tournament. He placed sixth in all events with 2166.

Tony Scialabba

Scialabba's story is more than just bowling. His return to bowling from being in a position where he may not walk again is impressive enough. In the MBA City Tournament, he won the singles scratch title with an 827 set, including a 290 game. He finished in seventh place for all events with 2163.

Don Leighton

Leighton booked averages of 218 and 213 in his 39th MBA season. He won his third MBA title this season in singles of the MBA Senior City Tournament with a 774 and a 299 game. His near 40 year career on the lanes will be lauded with his induction into the MBA Hall of Fame.

Honorable Mentions

Shawn Mitchell

Mitchell's hard work on the lanes paid off dividends this year. He averaged 224 in the West Towne Sportsmen league at Schwoegler Entertainment Center, and had a pair of 300 games. He won his first MBA City Tournament title in the team event, contributing 760. In MAST competition, he made two of seven cuts.

Jeff Richgels

Richgels averaged 208 in the Bullseye Masters league at Ten Pin Alley this season, and had one perfect game. In the MBA Senior City Tournament, he was fourth in all events with 2133. In the MBA Senior Masters, he tied for fourth in qualifying. This year he earned his 30th PBA title with a regional tournament win at the Tony Grigat Allstate Agent Midwest Open in Elk Grove Village, IL.