

52nd Annual
NATION'S CAPITAL AREA
USBC ASSOCIATION
HALL OF FAME
Induction & Dinner Celebration



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WELCOME

The Hall of Fame Committee of the Nation's Capital Area USBC Association is your host for the 52nd Annual Hall of Fame Induction & Dinner Celebration. We are happy that you could join us today to honor:

*Chris M. Johnson • Michael J. Manolis
Bobby Michaelson*

HALL OF FAME HISTORY

On May 23, 1963, the Washington City Tenpin Bowling Association, which later became known as the Nation's Capital Area Bowling Association (NCABA), established its Hall of Fame.

It was designed to honor those individuals who were outstanding in achievements as bowlers and/or for their efforts in furthering the sport in the Washington, D.C. area.

All of the charter members possessed a record of achievement dating back to the early history of tenpin bowling in this area. The four chosen—Matthew R. Bennie, Harry Krauss, Billy Rapp, and Rod Thomas—were leading figures in a tenpin boom, possibly without parallel in the nation.

Meanwhile, the Washington, D.C. Area Women's Bowling Association (WDCAWBA) Hall of Fame was formed in 1980, with Bea Bennie as its charter member. It honored female bowlers who contributed significantly to the sport of tenpin bowling in the Washington, D.C. area. Its Hall of Famers were chosen for their meritorious service, bowling achievement, and/or outstanding leadership.

Today, the Nation's Capital Area USBC Association Hall of Fame—the result of a merger of NCABA and WDCAWBA—continues the proud tradition of honoring those men and women previously inducted and graciously welcoming its newest members into this most elite group.

PROGRAM

“Meet & Greet” Session with Cash Bar

Mistress of Ceremonies • Judith Butler

Invocation • Gene O. Mays

President's Welcome • Willie Graves Jr.

Memorial Service • Judith Butler

Introduction of Hall of Fame Members

Arlen “Yogi” Holmes and Billy Slater

Introduction of Hall of Fame Inductees

(Rick Brooks for Bobby Michaelson)

(Anthony Whitehead for Chris M. Johnson)

(Alden “Andy” Anderson for Michael J. Manolis)

Group Photo • All present Hall of Fame Members

Closing Remarks • Judith Butler

MENU

London Broil in Mushroom Sauce • Savory Baked Chicken
New England Baked Cod

Tossed Green Salad with Choice of Dressing • Marinated Cucumber & Tomato Salad • Bow tie Pasta with Seasonal Vegetables

Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter • Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Herb Steamed Rice

Mixed Vegetable Medley • Herb Buttered Corn

Assorted Cakes • Pie • Coffee & Tea Service

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

- 1963** Matthew Bennie *, Harry Krauss *, Billy Rapp *, Rod Thomas *
- 1964** Charles Minker *, James Moore *, Billy Zeh *
- 1965** George Seeley *
- 1967** Chester Ness *, Arthur Stellmacher *
- 1968** Jack LaBonte *
- 1969** Paul Mohn *
- 1970** Lou Colbert *, William Zier *
- 1971** Carl Zost *
- 1972** Henry Ford *
- 1973** Frank Dunham *, C. Edward Goldberg *, Joseph V. Miseli *, Albert Snyder *
- 1974** John Rodock *, Vladimir Wapensky *
- 1975** Richard Buttery *, James Robinette, Milton Silver *
- 1976** Vern Ashbacher *, Pete Santora *
- 1977** Malton Evans *, Robert Hennessy *, John Tasker *
- 1978** Robert Disbennett *, James Stewart *
- 1979** Vernon Burke *, John Horner *
- 1980** Bea Bennie *, Elmer Breeden *, Charles Gannon Sr. *, Joseph Zinicola *
- 1981** Pat Malone *, Amy Scheidt *, Paul Yost Sr. *
- 1982** Larry O'Neill, Alfred Zarrella *
- 1983** Martha Burton *, Earl Hickerson *, Austin Luther Jr. *, Joseph Taylor *
- 1984** Charles Hagaman *, Ralph Hayward *, Ray Shackelford, Margarette B. Uncles *, Mary Jo Whidden *
- 1985** Dolores "Dee" Carl *, C. L. "Pat" O'Brien *, Joseph Zok *
- 1986** Betty Allen *, Nell Manning
- 1987** Patty Costello *, Henry Fankhauser *, Elmer Snyder *, Peggy Tinney, Edward Woodbury *
- 1988** Joan Taylor, Michael Ladd, Doris Shepherd *
- 1989** John Benko, Cornell Jackson, T. Boyce Johnston *, Frances Lee *
- 1990** Robert Cosgrove, Austin Luther III, Ann Scoles, Steve Sipe
- 1991** W. Ray Brothers, Chuck Gannon, Charles E. Marsh *, Edwin Rodgers *, A. Jane Hassell

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

- 1992** Richard Dodge, Jerry Francomano, Jerry James *, Leonard Ray *, Sylvester Sobanski *
- 1993** Joseph H. Clark, Irene R. Divver *, Linda Elmore, Bill Glennie *, Larry Wallace, Arthur J. Young *
- 1994** Gracie Freeman *, Mark Glover, Greg Goetz, Mike Hahn, James B. Stewart
- 1995** Chuck Drazenovich *, Ron Holt, Mary Kearns, Lisa Rand, Jim Wright *
- 1996** Ron Dailey *, Magic Gray, Joanne Schwab Harris, Marilyn J. Hatch *, Albert O. Zeh
- 1997** Jim Lewis, Deloise Poindexter, Ellen Pusateri *, Herb Zost *
- 1998** Bill Dodds *, Nora King *
- 1999** Jonathan Emery *, Theodore Gruszkowski Jr. *, Willie Jelks *, Shirley King
- 2000** Sue Allen, Thomas E. Dale Jr. Russell Dodge *, Judy Edwards Bruce Merriman, George R. Sook *
- 2001** Pallie Berry *, Quintenna Boone, Carolyn Jozwiak, Berlin Myers, Roger Tarr
- 2002** Hazel A. Beatty, Harrold Capps, Patty Guyer, Cheryl Jelks, Walter R. Steinsiek *
- 2003** Lee Brosius, Dawn M. Fay, Sharon Weber
- 2004** Glenn Callaway, Anthony Chapman, Kendra Gaines, Steve Graves *, Vince Jozwiak
- 2005** Ronald McGregor
- 2006** Thomas M. Allen, Bill Grover *, Sterling M. Ragsdale
- 2007** Tiffany Bell, Fred L. Trace, Richard A. Wolfe
- 2009** Terri A. Franklin, Rick Ketchie, Ralph "Red" Nelson
- 2010** Susan M. Ryan
- 2011** Hollis McMullen, Michael J. Warboy, Kirk S. Williams
- 2012** Alden "Andy" Anderson, Buddy Engleman, Bobby Hall Sr., Richard "Rick" Parker
- 2013** Donny Carr, Dena Kearney, Dean Ryan, Gregory L. Turner, Terry "T" Wiley
- 2014** Eddie Blocker Jr., David Kneas, Ernest Spriggs, George Yarborough
- 2015** Arlen "Yogi" Holmes, Billy Slater

* = Deceased

CHRIS M. JOHNSON

NCAUSBCA 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee



Chris M. Johnson started bowling duckpins at the age of 3 with his mother at Fair Lanes Capital Plaza. He found an early love of the game, and his mother allowed him to join a duckpin league three years later. By the end of his first season, he accomplished his goal of receiving his first trophy. He bowled duckpins until age 10 when Capital Plaza converted its duckpin lanes to tenpins, so he bowled with the “big pins.”

Chris was one of the top bowlers during his youth career. In his high school years, he played football and other sports, but bowling was always his main priority. During this time, he won several championships, including the Maryland State Games, Virginia State Scratch Singles, two Mid-Atlantic Scratch Bowlers Association titles, the 1993 Vir-Mar District Invitational

Tournament, and he was a member of the TNBA Eastern Regional Junior Team champions that went on to win the TNBA National Team Roll-off in Cincinnati, Ohio.

When Chris moved to adult competition, he had some early success bowling in local pot games and tournaments. As an amateur, he cashed in three PBA regional events and made the Top 16 match play finals in another.

Chris later got his PBA card but didn't have much success. He was still a force at the regional level, however, and it showed as he won a PBA Southern Regional title in Raleigh, N.C., and he also had two other Top 5 appearances.

He dropped his PBA card in 1998 to focus on bowling high-dollar amateur tournaments. Chris found success on the amateur scene, as it was the perfect balance of bowling high-profit tournaments while maintaining a home life.

Some of the major tournaments he has won include the John Vargo Scratch Classic in Lumberton, N.J.; the New Year's Day Open in Staunton, Va.; the TNBA Eastern Rhodman Classic (twice); and the 2006 TNBA National Bill Rhodman Classic Roll-off in Chicago. His biggest prize was a second-place finish at the True Amateur Tournament in Las Vegas that earned him \$15,000.

Other accomplishments include: Six appearances in the NCAUSBCA Top 10 rankings, including four times as No. 1; Three-time NCAUSBCA 600-700 Mixed Doubles champion; Member of the Storm Amateur Staff since 2003; Two-time Lebanon Dutchman Scratch Doubles titlist; TNBA Eastern Region Mixed Doubles champion; Seven-time Virginia-Maryland Scratch Bowlers Tour champion; First-place finish at Storm's Opposite Attract Mixed Doubles Tournament; Three Over/Under Doubles titles; Three-time ABC World Team Challenge champion; Five Top 10 finishes (including second and third) at the TNBA Reed-Hawthorne Classic; plus 30 perfect games and over 20 800 series, with a high of 847.

When not bowling, he often can be found at a bowling center helping his kids and others learn more about the game he loves.

MICHAEL J. MANOLIS

NCAUSBCA 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee



Michael J. Manolis began his bowling career as an 11-year-old when he rolled in an adult/youth league with his mother at Bowl America Falls Church. The next year, he bowled in a duckpin league but returned to tenpins the following season when he became a regular in the Saturday morning youth leagues at Falls Church. From the outset, Mike was a “natural” at bowling and had the kind of free-and-easy, yet powerful delivery that would attract a crowd of onlookers when he was on the lanes.

Mike has compiled an impressive list of bowling achievements within the Nation's Capital Area. As a 16-year-old youth bowler, he won the 1990 Vir-Mar District YABA Invitational A Division title. As an adult, Mike has won our association's Open Cham-

pionship Scratch All-Events title on two different occasions—in 2004 and 2014. He also was a member of the Scratch Team champions in the 2014 event. Other local victories include three Falls Church Scratch Tournament titles (1998-2000); two wins of the Falls Church Roger Tarr Scratch Shoot Out (1999, 2001); and the Bowl America Shirley Quick and Cheap Tournament (2003). Mike also has successfully participated in numerous Virginia State tournaments, winning the Scratch All-Events title in 2006 and the Scratch Doubles event with partner Chhoeun To in 2012.

Mike, who has bowled in 16 USBC Open Championships, has a high league average of 237, which he booked for 102 games in the 2012-2013 Falls Church Commercial league. He had a great all-around year that same season, rolling nine perfect games and six 800 series. To date, Mike has a total of 30 certified perfect games, which includes a Sport league 300 game, and 12 certified 800 series.

In addition to bowling in multiple leagues each season, Mike has assisted with coaching the youth league bowlers at Bowl America Falls Church. Whether bowling in leagues, participating in tournaments, or helping his fellow bowlers, Mike possesses the ability to maintain an even-keeled, positive mental outlook. His love for the sport of bowling is readily apparent.

In recognition of the superior bowling achievements that he has accomplished, and in light of the positive image he portrays, Michael J. Manolis is a most worthy addition to the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame.

Chris M. Johnson's record of sustained excellence on the lanes—and class off of them—has earned him an honored position in the Nation's Capital Area United States Bowling Congress Association Hall of Fame.

BOBBY MICHAELSON

NCAUSBCA 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee



Local bowling historians looking back at the bowling scene in the 1970s and early 1980s will no doubt talk about one of the brightest stars that seemingly left as abruptly as he arrived. Bobby Michaelson grew bored with life as a suburban teenager and turned to bowling as his escape. By his senior year, he was competing in the best men's leagues in Northern Virginia, including the Virginia Masters, where, at one point fairly late in the 1978-1979 season, the only bowler averaging 200 was Bobby.

Skipping his graduation from Oakton High School in 1974, the young prodigy instead rolled a 700 series to win the scratch doubles event with Dave Hudson in the 22nd Annual Virginia State Tournament.

That season, Bobby, the No. 3-ranked bowler in the association, was recognized throughout Virginia as one of the top bowlers, receiving his first of several Virginia State Bowling Association "All Star Team" awards that annually honored the bowlers with the five highest league averages in the state.

Always a threat in pot games throughout the area, Bobby tried his hand in the Professional Bowlers Association, finishing fourth in a PBA Eastern Region tournament in York, Pa., in the late 1970s and later cashing on the national tour in the 1980 PBA Long Island Open in Garden City, New York. Disenchanted with the outlook as a professional bowler on the PBA Tour, he turned his sights to college. He left the area to attend Radford University and later the University of Virginia, where he graduated with a B.A. degree in psychology in 1984. When he returned to the area, he resumed bowling with friends until a freak injury that damaged both wrists sidelined him for good.

Bobby appeared in the association's Top 10 rankings four times, including the No. 1 position (202.02 average) for the 1978-1979 season. The following season, he ranked No. 2 (201.85). He also finished third in 1973-1974 (197.48) and ninth in 1977-1978 (190.51).

In 1980, Bobby won the area's most prestigious event for top bowlers, the MWBPA (Metropolitan Washington Bowling Proprietors' Association) Invitational Tournament. He entered the stepladder finals as the top seed after leading the field wire-to-wire, defeating Hall of Famer Jim Robinette 193-174 for the title.

He recorded a perfect game at Bowl America Falls Church in 1986 and tossed numerous 700 series, including highs of 774 and 772 at McLean Bowling Center in the 1979-1980 season.

In 1973-1974, while only 17 years old, Bobby's 211 average for 79 games in the Monday Night Mixed 5 league at Bowl America Fairfax was believed to be at that time the highest seasonal average ever held by a bowler in this association.

The history of bowling in the Nation's Capital Area in the 1970s to early 1980s cannot be written without including the name of Bobby Michaelson on the first page. For what seemed far too short a period, he was one of the best bowlers ever in this area and is, without question, an outstanding addition to the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame.

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