



HALL OF FAME



ANTHONY J VECCHIOLA

YEAR INDUCTED: 1980

CATEGORY: MERITORIOUS SERVICE

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Anthony J. Vecchiola better known as "Vic" was one of those tireless workers that every organization needs if it is to achieve its goals. Small in stature but big in heart, Vic was always there with advice and counsel when called upon. A born leader, he was president of everything from his league to ABC and left an indelible mark in each. In 1930 he became a member of the Metropolitan Ten Pin League in his native Pittsburgh and after becoming president led the expansion of the league to a total of 110 teams, the largest traveling league in the ABC.

As president and board member of the Pittsburgh Ten Pin Association and the Pennsylvania State Bowling Assoc. he led the fight for the repeal of the Blue Laws so that bowling became legal in the State on Sunday. On the local level he was in the trenches promoting ten pin bowling in a predominant, duck pin area, the success of this effort is self-evident.

As a bowler and team captain he demonstrated his personal promise by bowling a 300 game in 1930 and by assembling some of the outstanding teams in the Pittsburgh district, notably the Fort Pitt Beer and Old Shay Ale teams.

In 1942 Vecchiola became president of the P.S.B.A. and in 1944-45 served a two-year term as president of the Pittsburgh Ten Pin B.A. August 1, 1961 saw the climax of his career when he was inaugurated the 48th President of the American Bowling Congress, an office he filled with dignity and expertise that was patently Vecchiola.

Those who came in contact with him at the State level will always remember him as one ready to join battle for something he believed in and never at a loss for words on any occasion.

