HALL OF FAME

DONALD WARE JR

YEAR INDUCTED: 2026

CATEGORY: VETRANS AWARD

NEW BRIGHTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Donald “Ace” Ware, Jr. enters the Pennsylvania State USBC Hall of Fame in the Veteran’s Award category for his outstanding achievements in bowling.

Ace has 13 certified 300 games and 2 certified 800 series. His highest league average is 210 and a high series of 846. Ace’s 846 high series during the 1978-79 season was the 2nd highest series in the Nation. He has been involved in organized bowling for 52 years.

Ace has bowled in over 35 PA State USBC Open Championships and was a 1964 Scratch Team Champion. Ace has competed in 8 PA State USBC Senior Tournaments, and 15 USBC Open Championships.

Early in Ace’s career he would routinely appear on the WTAE Championship Bowling in Pittsburgh and recorded televised wins against future PA State Hall of Fame members Mike Shenesky and John Hriscina.

From 1968-1980, Ace averaged 191 and then from 1981-1992 averaged 200 in the Twi Valley All-Star League which was a premier travel league in the Beaver County and Pittsburgh area. Ace took a leave of absence from bowling from 1992 until 2006. Upon returning in 2006, he continued to be successful, averaging 188 for nearly 2700 games.

Along with Ace’s success on the lanes, his service to the game is also outstanding. He has held multiple board positions in the Beaver Valley USBC. Beyond the lanes and competition, Ace has made an even greater impact through his mentorship. His mentorship extends beyond mechanics; he teaches respect for the sport, proper etiquette and the importance of teamwork and perseverance.

He is a member of the Beaver Valley USBC Hall of Fame.

In recognition of these and your many other accomplishments, we are honored to welcome you into the PA State USBC Hall of Fame.