

## NCABA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The Nation's Capital Area Bowling Association inducted two new members into the Hall of Fame at a Dinner-Dance on October 21st at the Hospitality House in Arlington, Virginia.

Before an audience that exceeded 300 persons, Robert Disbennett and James "Sonny" Steward were officially inducted as the newest members of the NCABA Hall of Fame.

Father Durkin of Georgetown University started the evening with the invocation.

Nat Allbright, sportscaster for radio station WAVA, was the master of ceremonies for the evening. Nat introduced the Head Table guests, President and Mrs. Leonard Ray, Past President and Mrs. Tom Morrone, WDCAWBA President Mrs. Martha Burton and her husband Billy, Guest Speaker Joseph Robelotto, ABC Past President; General John Guthrie and Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Allbright.

The audience was spotted with area celebrities in the bowling family. The staff of Bowl America and Fair Lanes were introduced as were the Pro Shop

owners in attendance, Phil Ryan and Red Nelson and Jim Robinette. Larry Williams represented the other leading bowling publication *Down The Lanes*.

The Greater Baltimore Bowling Association Secretary George Duman and Assistant Secretary Ed Kowalcik and other officers were present with their wives.

Guest speaker Joseph Robelotto commented on the achievements of the new inductees and offered his congratulations. He spoke of the growth of bowling and mentioned the National Museum and Hall of Fame to be built soon.

Nat Allbright introduced each of the current members of the Hall of Fame in order of their induction and these distinguished gentleman were escorted to their place of honor by officers and directors of the NCABA. Those present included charter member Matt Bennie, Billy Zeh, Jack LaBonte, Paul Mohn, Henry Ford, Joseph Miseli, John Rodock, Richard Buttery, James Robinette, Vern Ashbacher (from Naples, Florida), Mal Evans and Robert Hennessy.

A moment of silence was offered for the deceased members of the Hall of Fame and for Director Clarence Keiper.

The new inductees were then escorted to their position of honor for presentation of the white jacket, symbol of membership in the Hall of Fame.

Bob Disbennett was escorted by Past President Jack Horner and was joined by Past President Vern Burke for the presentation of his jacket.

Sonny Steward was escorted by Vice President Earl Hickerson who helped with Sonny's jacket presentation.

President Len Ray presented each of the new inductees with plaques, each with a picture of the inductee to commemorate the event.

After each inductee expressed his thanks and gave credit to the ones behind their achievements, their wives, they were given a standing ovation by the large gathering.

Dancing was enjoyed by all present after the ceremonies were completed.

Vice President Mal Evans and his Hall of Fame Committee are to be congratulated for a wonderful evening.



NCABA President Leonard Ray presents Hall of Fame Plaque to new inductee Robert Disbennett at Hall of Fame Induction.



New inductee to NCABA Hall of Fame James "Sonny" Steward displays Hall of Fame Plaque as he is escorted by NCABA 2nd Vice President Earl Hickerson at induction ceremonies.