WASHINGTON D.C. AREA WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION'S

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MARGARETTE UNCLES



MARY JO WHIDDEN



MARGARETTE B. UNCLES is the only member of the WDCAWBA who has ever bowled a "300" game. She bowled the perfect game on June 24, 1966 at Bowl America Town Center. Margarette was also the first member of the VSWBA to bowl a perfect game. She was the first female member of the National Bowling Association to bowl a PERFECTO and is still the only female member of the Greater Washington Bowling Senate who has reached this plateau.

After sixteen years of bowling duckpins—because of the restrictions in tenpin bowling—Margarette moved into the tenpin bowling world and commanded the field for twelve years. For a ten year period she carried an average of 183 in three to five leagues. Illness in the past years has restricted her bowling to one league.

Margarette, a native Washingtonian, dominated the ladies high average, high game and high series in every league where she was a member. In her better days she was in at least four leagues a week. She won three consecutive Metropolitan Bowling Proprietor's Invitational Tournaments. She represented Maryland in the National All Star Tournament in Miami, Florida. She is a Charter Member of the WDCA Women's 600 Club and was highlighted as the only active Charter Member at the club's 25th Anniversary. She teamed with Frances Stoddard in 1974 and won the A Division Scratch Doubles Event of the WDCAWBA Championship Tournament. In 1960 she won the TNBA All Events Championship. In May of 1980 she was inducted into the TNBA Hall of Fame.

It is clear from these fine accomplishments on the lanes that Margarette Uncles is a most worthy addition to the WDCAWBA Hall of Fame.

MARY JO WHIDDEN served the WDCAWBA diligently for nine years. The first year, 1961, she served as 2nd Vice President. For the next eight years, from 1962 until she decided not to seek re-election in 1970, Mary Jo served the association as President. During her reign the association grew from 15,000 members in 1962 to over 27,000 at the end of the 1970 season. The board of directors also increased during this time, from 22 members to 32 members, adding two vice president positions and eight directors.

Mary Jo was noted for her administrative and organizational abilities. Many of the programs that were started during her administration are still in existence today. A few of the highlights of the Whidden administration are the association office, pins for the board members, the two bids for the WIBC National Tournament, institution of the "President's Award", the newsletter that was distributed to all league secretaries, the BVL tournament, plaques for the office which show the officers and membership by year, listing the association in the telephone directory, an administrative handbook, open meetings and match games with over 300 members in attendance, board member jackets, the industry relations committee and the ranking criteria and the lane representative program were instituted.

Upon her retirement, Mary Jo was elected the first Honorary Board member of the WDCAWBA and the first Life Member.

Because of her outstanding efforts to further the sport of bowling in our area, Mary Jo Whidden will now deservedly gain a most honored position: a spot in the Washington, D.C. Area Women's Bowling Association's Hall of Fame.

