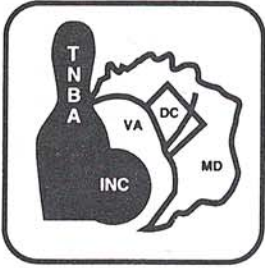


Chapman among four GWBS Hall inductees

By Bob Cosgrove

Anthony Chapman became one of the youngest individuals to enter a bowling hall of fame when he and three other area bowlers were inducted into the Greater Washington Bowling Senate Hall of Fame last month in ceremonies at the Holiday Inn in Silver Spring.



Inducted with Chapman were Earlease "Tiger" Carey, a longtime league secretary and coordinator who played a key role in the

growth of the organization; fellow District resident Trudy Peoples, a GWBS board member who holds numerous tournament titles; and Edward Woodbury of Langley Park, a legendary tournament squad organizer and fund raiser who was inducted into the Nation's Capital Area Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1987.

"It was disbelief!" recalled Chapman upon learning of his election. "My age [22], plus the fact that there are a lot of good black bowlers in this area made my selection a big surprise."

Chapman, a powerful right-hander from Landover, started bowling at age 11 in a boys club duckpin league at Fair Lanes Capital Plaza. However, after one season the center converted all of its duckpin lanes to tenpins and Chapman had to decide whether to try tenpins or travel each week to College Park to the closest duckpin center. He chose tenpins, and it was a wise decision.

Chapman had a successful junior career, winning several titles, including the Maryland State Games twice and the all-events in the Vir-Mar-District City Tournament.

In the 1990-91 season, his first in adult competition, he finished with league averages of 200 at Capital Plaza and 199 at Fair Lanes Laurel. In August 1991, he finished 24th in the U.S. National Amateur Championships in Atlanta. One year later, Chapman won the tournament in Chula Vista, Calif., earning a spot on 1993 TEAM USA in the process.

He proved his win was no fluke a few weeks later when he captured the Federation des Quilleurs (FIQ) World Youth Championships in Mampote, Venezuela. He later was named 1992 male amateur bowler of the year by both *Bowling Digest* and *Bowlers Journal*.

Success followed the University of Maryland computer science major into 1993:

- Chapman collected two individual and two team gold medals in the FIQ American Zone Championships in Guadalajara, Mexico.

- He won two Nation's Capital Masters Scratch Tournaments and was the tournament club's leader in earnings (\$1,860) and average (218.76).

- He averaged 230.38 for 16 games to finish second at the Bill Rhodman Eastern Classic in New Castle, Del., earning \$1,000.

- He finished seventh in the World Games in The Hague, Netherlands.

- In Japan last month, he won two gold and two bronze medals in matches with his Team USA teammates against the Japanese.

Last August, Chapman finished 13th

GWBS Hall of Fame

Since 1989, the Greater Washington Bowling Senate Hall of Fame has inducted 19 members:

1989

Martha M. Burton

1990

Bertha Harkless
Alice Stroman
Margarette Uncles

1991

Alberta B. Coble
Catharyn C. Gullatt
Ron A. Holt
William Miles *
James Minor
Sterling Ragsdale
A. Jane Timmons

1992

Glenn Callaway
Paul Carey
Linda Elmore
Elmer Middleton *

1993

Earlease Carey
Anthony Chapman
Trudy P. Peoples
Edward Woodbury

* Deceased



From left: Hall of Famers Earlease Carey, Anthony Chapman, and Trudy Peoples with GWBS President Cornell Jackson. (Photo by Harry Ladson)

while defending his national amateur champion crown in Akron, Ohio and thus won't be a part of Team USA this year. However, his sights already are set on gaining a spot on the 1995 team so he can take part in the Pan American Games, the FIQ Tournament at the new National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., and other special events of that year.

GWBS, which was formed in 1961, is the second largest affiliate of The National Bowling Association (TNBA), which was known as the National Negro Bowling Association when it was formed in 1939 because of the "Caucasian-only" clauses then present in the constitutions of the American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Bowling Congress. ABC and WIBC removed these clauses in 1950.