

NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame to welcome Franklin, Ketchie, and Nelson

“Class of 2009” to be inducted in ceremonies October 10 at Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center in Alexandria



Terri A. Franklin has been active in all aspects of bowling since being introduced to bowling in 1997 by her father. Since that time, her enthusiasm and motivation for the sport as well as her mental game have been phenomenal and rewarding.

Terri, a mother of two children, currently resides in Fort Washington, Md., after spending nearly three decades in Fredericksburg, Va. She has less than a year left to complete her MBA and CPA at Howard University in the District.

On the lanes, she has captured numerous titles and earned many achievements.

Terri, who appeared in the association’s Top 10 women’s ranking for five consecutive seasons (2002-2003 through 2006-2007), rolled her first certified perfect game in 2002 and has three other 300s as well as four 299 games, several 700s and one 800 series. She has won many league championships and individual average honors, with a seasonal high of 218. Terri also placed in the Top 10 six times in Virginia Bowling Queens competition.

Some of her tournament titles include:

- WDCAWBA Classic Division Team
- WDCAWBA Classic Division Doubles (with Tiffany Bell)
- NCAUSBCA 600/700 Scratch Mixed Doubles (with Mark Glover and Bobby Hall II)
- Lilac City Ladies Team

- Women’s Colonial Williamsburg Singles
- Women’s Colonial Williamsburg Team (twice)

In addition, Terri established house records at three centers:

- AMF Fredericksburg (299 game and 792 series)
- Liberty Lanes (290 game and 742 series)
- Brunswick Perry Hall (826 series)

A self-taught bowler, Terri’s biggest asset is her mental game: She stays focused while motivating everyone around her, and she never gives up. Terri is recognized by her colleagues as a great team player who is a pleasure to bowl with.

Terri A. Franklin’s bowling achievements have earned her a coveted spot in the Nation’s Capital Area USBC Association Hall of Fame.



Rick Ketchie has been involved with bowling for most of his life. He started bowling duckpins at the age of 5 and switched to tenpins eight years later. He bowled until 2002, achieving a high game of 279, a high series of 680, and top average of 175.

He began coaching youth bowling in 1968 and was a co-youth director for several years.

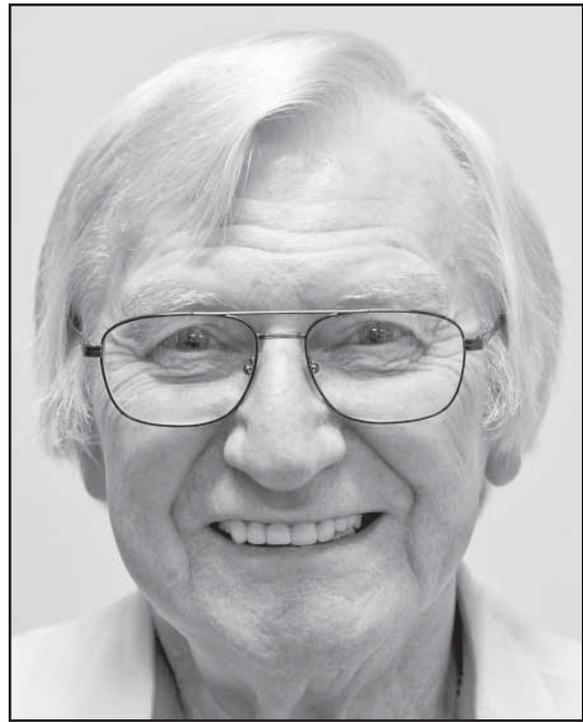
Rick was elected to the Vir-Mar District board of directors in 1968. He worked his way up the chairs, serving as president from 1989-1993. He served as the awards chairman for six years and was the City Tournament director for several years. He also served on all committees within the association. Rick represented the association on the industry relations committee, which included representatives from ABC, WIBC, YABA, and BPAA. He was also the regional tournament director for the YBC (now the Pepsi Tournament) for a number of years.

Rick served the local youth association until its merger with the adult associations and has been a youth director on the board since the merger. He also served as a youth representative on the local transition board leading to the merger.

Rick was elected to the position of secretary of the Virginia State YABA in 1989. He holds that position today and also still serves as the tournament director for the Virginia State Youth Tournament. He has been on the committee for the Virginia State Junior Gold program since its inception. He also implemented the Virginia State Youth 600 Club tournament program in 2000 and administered it until it was discontinued several years later. Rick has also been involved with the Virginia High School Tournament since it began. He has served on the Virginia Bowling Council since its creation and also has been a youth representative on the Virginia transition committee since it was created several years ago.

Rick is a college graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting but began his career as a teacher. He has the patience of a saint and a heart of gold. Whatever you ask of him, he will do willingly.

For over 45 years, Rick Ketchie has demonstrated unselfish dedication while performing tirelessly especially on behalf of youth bowlers, and he has justifiably earned a place in the Nation's Capital Area USBC Association Hall of Fame.



Ralph “Red” Nelson bowled in as many as seven leagues after arriving in this area in the mid-1960s. He competed in many of the premier leagues, including the Virginia Masters in various centers in Northern Virginia—where his “underdog” foursome surprised everyone one season by capturing top honors—and the Southern Maryland Men’s Commercial at St. Charles Bowl in Waldorf. In addition, Red always was a threat to cash in the legendary Friday night pot games at Bowl America Silver Hill and other side action events.

Red maintained an average in the 180s and 190s in the 1960s and ‘70s, with a high average of 193 in the 1976-1977 season. Those who competed during that period and are aware there were years when the area’s top-ranked bowler didn’t even average 200 know that these averages were indeed formidable and among the highest in the association.

Even though Red’s bowling achievements certainly warrant recognition, his service to the area bowling community is his ticket to area bowling’s highest honor. Red at first worked for several local pro shops, including Zost’s Pro Shop on Pennsylvania Avenue in the District, followed by a stint at Fuller’s Pro Shop in Silver Hill, Maryland.

As a result of his pro shop experience as well as his reputation as one of the area’s top bowlers, entrepreneur Austin “Butch” Luther Jr. asked Red in 1974 if he would be willing to lend his name and join him in a new venture entitled Red Nelson’s Bowlers World in Camp Springs, Maryland. It wasn’t unusual to see bowlers in several centers wearing shirts promoting the new business, for Red sponsored numerous adult and youth teams in area leagues for many years.

While Red in recent years has mainly focused his attention serving bowlers through his accompanying Trophy World operation, his pro shop continues to serve the bowling public today. In each business transaction, he has always strived to give customers the best service possible at reasonable prices.

Ralph “Red” Nelson has devoted most of his adult life servicing the bowlers in the Nation’s Capital Area. A special spot has been reserved for him in the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame.

