NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame to welcome McMullen, Warboy, and Williams

Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg to host October 8 Induction Celebration

Hollis F. McMullen has been a long-time member of our association and has distinguished himself as both a high-quality



scratch bowler and a leader in our sport with his organization of events for the scratch bowler. He has bowled for more than 30 years and has been a member of the Professional Bowlers Association for over 10 years. He lists among his many bowling accomplishments numerous cashes in PBA events, including a fifth-place finish in the 2005 PBA Senior Manassas Open Tournament. Hollis continues to participate in multiple leagues and tournaments.

Several years ago, he saw a need for a competitive league to be conducted on tough lane conditions. He organized and successfully ran such a league at AMF Alexandria. Many of this area's premier bowlers credit Hollis's league with helping them understand how to play the more competitive conditions they encounter at out-of-town tournaments.

In 2003, Hollis returned PBA action to our area for the first time in over a decade by organizing and personally funding a PBA Senior Tour national event at Bowl America Manassas. In spite of the cost and the limited support he received from our local bowling community, he persevered and was able to support the senior professionals for five years.

Throughout the run of these tournaments, Hollis provided an opportunity for this area's bowlers to see and participate with some of the icons of bowling. The pro-am portion of the 2007 tournament attracted over 250 area bowlers, giving them the opportunity to bowl on the same lanes with multiple PBA Hall of Fame members holding well over 200 PBA national titles. The enthusiasm and excitement that was demonstrated can only be a positive for the future of bowling in our area.

Hollis F. McMullen is truly one of the good guys in our association. His tireless—and financial—efforts to return professional bowling to the area and his desire to provide a challenging bowling experience for those who wish to take their games to higher levels make him a worthy addition to the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame.

Michael J. Warboy has been a long-time member of our association and has distinguished himself as both a scratch bowler and



a leader in our sport. He started bowling in a youth league at Fair Lanes Bowie at age 12. Five years later in 1975, he set a Vir-Mar District Junior Bowling Association record with his 726 series on games of 217-276-233 at Bowie. In later years, he also established house records at Fair Lanes Capital Plaza, Crofton Bowling Centre, and nearby Bowl America Odenton and Brunswick Columbia Lanes.

Michael first averaged 200 at age 17. He has averaged over 220 for nearly each of the past 20 years, with a high league average of 236.5 for 96 games in the 2002-2003 season. He also has scored 24 perfect games, 14 800 series and has won five amateur tournaments.

As a member of the Professional Bowlers Association, Michael cashed in 20 PBA regional events, during which time he rolled a 300 game and an 800 series.

He started working at Bowlers General Store in Colesville, Md., in 1979. Three years later, he and his partner opened the Crofton Classic Pro Shop, which has become a thriving business located just steps outside of Crofton Bowling Centre. Michael's business commitments often prevented him from competing in many PBA regional and area weekend tournaments, but he has made sure whenever possible to circle dates on his calendar for the association's annual Championship Tournament.

In addition, Michael has taken time from his busy schedule to support numerous charities and causes. He has worked behind the scenes and literally on the lanes with Special Olympics bowlers for more than 15 years, and he often has donated items from his pro shop and requested that the value of his recent USBC honor score awards be sent to BVL. Last year, he was publicly thanked in *BOWL Magazine* for his generous equipment offer to support a breast cancer raffle that was conducted during the NCAUSBCA Annual Meeting.

While maintaining his own admirable bowling record, Michael J. Warboy has served area bowlers for over 30 years, coaching, consulting, and drilling their equipment. His ceaseless dedication to the sport of bowling and his continued support for the association and its membership make him a deserving addition to the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame.

Kirk S. Williams was born and raised in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1968. He then



worked three years for the C&P Telephone Company and received an honorable discharge from the National Guard approximately five years after entering the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division, for which he worked nearly 30 years.

Kirk was elected to the Nation's Capital Area Bowling Association (NCABA) board of directors in 1985 and soon was named chairman of the Awards Committee that he revitalized.

Kirk served on the Hall of Fame, Program Evaluation, Legislative, and Tournament Site committees and also did lane inspections for several years. In addition, he spent many hours in the office entering leagues into the NCABA computer system at the beginning of the season and keying in awards data for members who qualified for American Bowling Congress (ABC) and local awards.

Kirk has long assisted in bringing awards to bowling centers for presentation to league bowlers. He has conducted many jamborees as well as numerous league meetings to work out various problems, and always has been available to help whenever and wherever needed.

Kirk attended workshops at ABC and United States Bowling Congress conventions for 26 years and at Virginia State conventions for 15 years. He also worked at NCABA, Virginia State, and NCAUSBCA tournaments. He served on the NCABA board for 21 years and currently is an NCAUSBCA director.

Kirk was elected fifth vice president of NCABA in 2000 and subsequently worked his way up to the office of president in 2005-2006, that association's final season. From 2008 to 2010, he served a two-year term as the second president of NCA-USBCA, during which time he oversaw the creation of the new Rerate Committee to help maintain integrity in bowling in this area. He also started NCAUSBCA's local awards program and plans to enhance it as funds become available.

Kirk began bowling in 1969 at Rinaldi's Riggs Plaza Bowl in Chillum, Md. His high game is 290—a feat he accomplished twice—and his high series is 769. He has been married for 26 years to his wife, Maxine, and has two children and four grandchildren from a previous marriage.

Kirk S. Williams's dedicated service on behalf of area bowlers merits him a special spot in the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame.

Seneca Creek State Park a radical change in venue

This year's NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame Induction Celebration will undergo a radical change in venue when the 48th annual gathering takes place at Blue Jay Pavilion at Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg, Md., on Saturday, October 8 beginning at 1 p.m.

"It is indeed a different setting no doubt about that," said Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson Yvonne Humphries. "However, there will still be Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. and this year's inductees and the current Hall of Famers who appear will be treated with the same degree of honor and respect each has received at past induction celebrations."

NCAUSBCA's Hall of Fame "Class of 2011" consists of Hollis F. McMullen, Michael J. Warboy, and Kirk S. Williams.

The change from the traditional semiformal affair to one less formal shouldn't matter, noted Humphries.

"I don't believe the individuals who recently were inducted into the National Football League Hall of Fame felt they were slighted or being disrespected

in any way by the casual attire worn by those who attended that event," she said. "The one big difference is that those who attend our event will get to eat and eat well!"

The bowling association's "all you can eat" affair will be catered by Strong's BBQ, with ribs, chicken, hot dogs, and hamburgers on the menu and baked beans and cole slaw available as side dishes. Sodas and water will be included, and there also will be beer from a keg that will be sold by the cup.

The committee believes that a pavilion-in-the-park setting, along with a casual dress code and a lower ticket price -not to mention the introduction of a children's ticket—might just be the ticket to bring out entire families as well as younger adult and youth bowlers.

"We want this year's event to be one for all of our bowlers, not just the bowling insiders," Humphries said. "We hope those who never have considered attending such an event will come out and enjoy a fall Saturday afternoon with us."



