

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. (For the October 8 Induction Celebration, male Hall of Fame members are requested to wear their Hall of Fame jackets over their attire during the induction ceremonies.) “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.”