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Hall of Famers Local bowlers are inducted

On October 10, two local bowlers were inducted into the United States Bowling Congress, Scenic Rivers Association Hall of Fame. This ceremony was the 4th for the Scenic Rivers Association and was held at Zeno's Steak House in Rolla, MO.



L-R, Alfred Summers (General Ability) and Ben Douros (Meritorious Service).

The Meritorious Service category was awarded to Alfred Summers who is a 27 year USBC cardholder and has been in the Scenic Rivers Association for the same number of years. Al is an easy going and giving individual who is totally dedicated to the sport of bowling. Since Al tends to keep things to himself, you most probably were not aware that Al has been bowling with pain for many years. During his long service, Al has been a league secretary/treasurer for 14 years, serving 2 leagues for 12 of those years. Currently, Al is secretary of the Rolla Business league at Coachlite Lanes and of the Tuesday Men's league at the Salem Bowling Center. Additionally, Al served the MO South Central Bowling Association for 2 years as the director. He is the 3rd VP of the Scenic Rivers Association, a position he has held for 4 years. Al's willingness to help wherever needed is evidenced by participation on many different committees including the nominating, final average verification, lane inspection, tournament and Hall of Fame committees. Al also supports our association by participating in local tournaments. Since encouraging our young bowlers is important to Al, he served as a youth coach for many years. If the above is not enough, Al is also proficient on the lanes. He has posted a 200+ average in two leagues and a 190+ average in 25 leagues over the past 15 years accumulating an 11 in a row plaque and a 298 ring.

Ben Douros was awarded the General Ability category. Ben is a 25 year USBC cardholder, 15 of those in the Scenic Rivers Association. Ben started bowling here from 1981 through 1994 when he moved away for a while. Ben returned in 2004 and has since consistently posted averages over 200 in 22 leagues – 4 of those were over 220 and 10 of them were 210 – 219. In 2005 – 2006 his high average was 224. Ben has recorded sixty 700 series, two 300 games, a 299 game, and five 11 in a row games since returning in 2004. Ben has participated in 12+ state tournaments and 12+ national tournaments, placing first in an IL State Team Event and All Events in 1996. Ben also took a first place in Singles and All Events (both scratch and handicap) in the Sullivan Association. While bowling in others areas, Ben has recorded 200+ averages for ten years, recorded two 298 games and had over one hundred 700 series.

There were a total of 15 past and present Hall of Fame members in attendance to help recognize the accomplishments of this years inductees.



Past and present Hall of Fame members in attendance were: Front, L-R: Sue Huss, Joan Mayfield, Dorothy Glenn, Margaret Biolsi. Middle, L-R: Jesse Chounard, Norman Cochran, Mike Davie, Lawrence George, Jim Huss, Everett Briggs. Back, L-R: Richard Smith, Ben McWilliams, Alfred Summers, Rodney Thompson, Ben Douros

Congratulations to Alfred and Ben for being recognized by local bowlers for their contributions to the great sport of Bowling.