Michael Leonard Bowers
Superior Performance

Michael Leonard Bowers was born on April 30, 1955, in Havre de Grace, Maryland. His parents, Catherine and Leonard, introduced him to bowling when, at the age of eight, they enrolled him in a junior league at Ideal (Harford) Lanes. He continued to bowl in youth leagues until he entered high school, where Mike lettered in varsity soccer and tennis. Mike resumed his bowling career in 1973, when he joined the bowling team at Harford Community College.

Mike recorded his first yearbook average of 162 during the 1973-74 season in the Swan Creek Country Club League at Harford Lanes. Since then, he has dramatically improved his game, boasting a career high yearbook average of 223. He is currently averaging 230.

Mike has had many accomplishments in the sport of bowling since that first year, including fourteen 300 games, five 299's and two 298's. Mike has also rolled seven 800 series, including an 844 which earned him the ABC Award of Merit for the Greater Baltimore Bowling Association in 1990-91. This past year, while only bowling one league he averaged 226.

Mike has posted an impressive tournament record in the Cecil-Harford Association Annual Championships. He has won the Scratch Singles Event, Handicap Singles, and Handicap All Events. He has won five Scratch Doubles Titles, four paired with Hall of Famer, Richard McFadden, Sr. He has also been a member of five Championship Scratch Teams.

In the Annual Maryland State Bowling Association Tournaments, Mike has won six titles. He has won the Scratch Singles. Scratch Doubles, Scratch Team, and Handicap Doubles, and Handicap Team events. Additionally, he won the Scratch Mixed Doubles, teamed with his wife, a MSUSBC Hall of Famer, Margie Cook-Bowers.

Other Achievements include one CHCBA 700 Club title with his first 300 game bowled in the final match, one GBBA 700 Club title, and a runner-up finish in a PBA regional event held at

Crofton Lanes in 1987. Mike (844) and his teammates, Jim Spicer (723). Vince Smith (677), and Richard McFadden, Sr. (735), won the ABC National High Score Award in 1990-91, by rolling the third highest four man team series bowled in sanctioned competition, a 2979. He has also bowled in the past twenty six consecutive ABC National Tournaments.

Mike has also given back to the sport of bowling with his relentless service. He first became a member of the Cecil-Harford Counties Bowling Association in 1974, and has served on its Board of Directors since 1982. He served as its President from 1984-87, it's Vice President from 1987-95, and was elected a Life Member in 1995.

Shortly after his election as President, Mike implemented the association's vision and founded the CHCBA Hall of Fame. He has served as its chairman for the past ten years. Under his leadership, the CHCBA 700 Club was organized and started. He was its tournament director for the first several years. Mike served with CHCBA Hall of Famer Bob Evans on the In-School Bowling Committee. He also served on the Audit and Nominating Committees.

In addition to his service to his local association, Mike was a Maryland State Bowling Association Director from 1984-87, where he developed the idea to name the Annual State Tournament in honor of Joe Moore. He also chaired the committee to institute its Hall of Fame and has served as its chairman from 1994 to 2005.

Beginning in 1992, Mike voluntarily served as Maryland's first Director to the American Bowling Congress. He has served on the ABC Equipment Specifications, the Planning, the Governance, and the Tournament Committees. He previously served on two Site Selection Committees, and the 100th Anniversary Committee. He was also appointed to the ABC Hall of Fame Board serving with all-time bowling greats like Dick Weber, Ray Bluth and Bill Lilliard. Mike was also a key member of the ABC/WIBC/YABA Conference Committee that developed the USBC bylaws. For his service to ABC he was made a Lifetime Member.

Therefore, in recognition of his achievements and outstanding performance, as well as his years of relentless service to the sport of American Tenpins, the Maryland State USBC Association is proud to induct Michael Leonard Bowers into its Hall of Fame on this 8th day of September 2007, as a member in its Superior Performance Category.