

Melvin W. Bratten

Meritorious Service



Melvin W. Bratten has served the ABC and the bowlers of Salisbury and Maryland ever since he was introduced to the sport in 1960.

Mel, as he is known to family and friends, served as league secretary of the City Industrial League for over thirty years. He served as Secretary/Treasurer of the SBA from 1965 to 1986.

In 1966, Mel was first elected to the Maryland State Bowling Association Board of Directors. Mel served as the SBA Director from 1966 to 1972, 1973 to 1976, and again from 1978 to 1979. He was elected Third Vice President in 1976 and served two terms. In 1972, Mel served the bowlers of Maryland as MSBA President.

For his years of service Mel was elected a Life Member of the MSBA in May 1983.

Mel was also active on the lanes, where he has bowled in every SBA Tournament since 1960. He has also bowled in each MSBA Tournament since 1966. This year in Huntsville, Alabama, Mel was recognized for his participation in 32 consecutive ABC National Tournaments.

In recognition of his many years of outstanding service to the sport of bowling and to the bowlers of Maryland, the Maryland State Bowling Association is proud to induct Melvin W. Bratten into its Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service, September 13, 1997.