Rick Malley
Meritorious Service



Rick Malley was born outside Fort Ritchie, Maryland. He was oldest of three children born to Kenneth and Inge Malley. Diana and John are his siblings. Kenneth was from Roanoke, Virginia and served in the United States Army. His job required the family to relocate every two to three years between the United States and Germany. Inge was from Munich Germany. When the family settled in Maryland, Inge became a bookkeeper/manager to AAFES (Army Air Force Exchange Services).

Rick graduated from Aberdeen High School in 1978. He graduated from Harford Community College in 1980, with an Associate Arts Degree in Business Data Processing, and in 1982 graduated from the University of Baltimore, with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Information Systems.

After school, Rick worked the next 40 years on Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), 3 years as a contractor and 37 years as a Federal Employee. The first 27 years were with the Aberdeen Test Center and the last 13 years with the Army Research Laboratory. He is now retired.

Rick started his involvement with bowling at a snail's pace. His earliest recollection is trying to sleep in the settee area while his parents bowled in a mixed league. As he got older, the family got into the groove of watching Chris Schenkel and Nelson Burton Jr on Saturdays and bowling on Sundays. It was not until the family moved to Maryland that Rick bowled in his first league. It was in Bainbridge, an almost closed Naval Training Center, while the family waited for housing on APG. After moving to Aberdeen, he bowled in an intramural program with Aberdeen High School for a couple of years.

This is also when the volunteering began. Rick ran cross country and track in high school. That is where he met Nathan Boyer and they became great friends. His grandfather ran a bowling tournament in Valley View, Pennsylvania. Nathan would help run the tournament and Rick would accompany him and keep scores.

After high school was community college. Rick found out about the school having a bowling program and in 1980, he was the All Events champion for NJCAA Region XX.

Rick then worked his way into the adult leagues primarily at Harford Lanes. He wound up bowling 3 nights per week, and sometimes a double shift. Success was achieved when he made it to the Bill Snavely scratch league.

In the spring of 1986, another good friend of his who he met in the scratch league, Dennis Wilson, worked on Rick to join another league in the middle of the season. Rick finally gave in after looking at the roster of the team he was to join. That is how he met his future wife, Amy. In the fall of that year, he bowled in a league in Elkton with Amy where he bowled his first 300 game. They married the following July and are now coming up on year 40.

Rick continued bowling for several years after getting married before eventually giving it up due to health concerns. In 1995, Rick and Amy welcomed their daughter, Elizabeth, into the world. When Elizabeth turned seven, they celebrated with a bowling-themed birthday party. She showed immediate promise, managing to keep the ball on the lane with ease. Seeing her enthusiasm and natural ability reignited Rick's passion for the sport, and the bowling bug had officially returned.

Elizabeth joined a youth league, and before long Rick found himself returning to the sport as well, working his way back into adult leagues. Her progress was remarkable. By age 10, Elizabeth carried a 157 average. By 15, she was averaging more than 200 and rapidly closing the gap on her father. She pushed Rick to become a better bowler, challenging him not only on the lanes but off them as well. She eventually went on to become a **Youth Star of Tomorrow** and had successful and exciting bowling career at Lindenwood University.

Around this time, Rick became involved with the **Cecil Harford Bowling Association** and the **Maryland State Bowling Association**. His work with Cecil Harford allowed him to gain a deeper understanding of how bowling organizations operated, and he became actively involved in helping run tournaments and events.

Through this involvement, Rick learned of an upcoming vacancy for the Association Manager position with the Maryland State Bowling Association. Believing the role would be a perfect fit for his wife, Amy, he volunteered to help with the transition process. However, the transition never happened as planned. Instead, Rick found himself taking on increasing responsibilities, beginning a long and influential association with the Maryland State Bowling Association.

Rick served as Association Manager for a few years before passing the role on to its current incumbent and transitioning into a position on the Board of Directors. What began as an effort to help Amy find a role within the organization ultimately led Rick down a path of service and leadership that would continue for years to come. Special thanks to Evelyn Testerman for stepping into the Association Manager position and allowing Rick to focus on helping guide the organization from the board level.

Rick would also like to extend a special thank-you to John Vananzo, without whom much of this would not have been possible. John has been there from the very beginning, offering his guidance, support, and encouragement every step of the way. Over the years, he has been more than a colleague and friend, serving as a trusted mentor whose wisdom and experience have helped shape both my bowling career and my involvement in the sport's administration. His influence has been invaluable, and he is deeply grateful for everything he has done.
Before concluding, Rick would like to once again recognize John Vananzo for his unwavering support, guidance, and mentorship throughout this journey. His encouragement and belief in him have played a significant role in his success, both on and off the lanes.

Nomination submission is as follows:

Rick has been a dedicated volunteer and leader within both the Maryland State USBC and Cecil Harford USBC Associations for many years. His commitment to the sport of bowling and to serving its members is evident through his numerous leadership roles and volunteer efforts.

Association Leadership and Service

1. Rick served as Association Manager for three years, including assisting his wife, Amy, during her first year as Association Manager

in 2010, helping ensure a smooth transition and the continued operation of the association.

2. Rick has served as a Director on the Maryland State USBC Board representing the Cecil Harford USBC since 2013. Rick currently holds the position and Executive Vice President. He has been in the position since 2024.
3. Rick served as Tournament Director for the Maryland State USBC Open Championship Tournament on two occasions, overseeing tournament operations and helping ensure successful event.
4. Rick has served on the Cecil Harford USBC Board for more than ten years, contributing to the growth and success of the local association.

Throughout his years of service, Rick has been an active member of numerous committees at both the local and state levels. He participated in the committee that revised and updated the Youth Stars of Tomorrow guidelines, helping improve the program for future youth bowlers. Rick has also volunteered his time to assist with several association tournaments and special events, including the Senior Tournament and the Ladies Cancer Awareness Tournament.

In addition, Rick serves as the webmaster for the Maryland State USBC website, maintaining and updating the site to ensure members have timely access to tournament information, association news, forms, and other important resources.

Rick has been an invaluable part of both the Maryland State USBC and Cecil Harford USBC Associations. His years of outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the sport of bowling make him highly deserving of Hall of Fame recognition.