

MADISON USBC WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

Doris Hanson is inducted posthumously into the MWBA Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category in August 2007.

Doris was a sanctioned bowler and a member of the MWBA for more than 20 years with her career spanning the 1950s to the 1970's. She posted a career high game of 259 and high series of 659. She held the high city average in 1959 of 181.

Doris was an outstanding tournament bowler -- she held 11 Association Championship titles. In 1960 she bowled on the winning handicapped team with a score of 2769. She bowled on winning handicap and scratch teams in 1962 and 1963. In 1956 she partnered with Marcy Kleinsteinber to post a winning Doubles scratch score of 1139. In 1967 she took 1st place in scratch singles with a score of 624. And in 1960 and 1967 she won the All Events titles in both handicap and scratch divisions.

In 1958 Doris placed 2nd in Class A singles at the WWBA championship tournament in Milwaukee where she also threw the high tournament game of 258. In 1967 her Cathay House team placed 2nd at State with a 2601 scratch score.

In 1957 Doris finished 2nd in the District All-Star Tournament and in 1958 and 1961 took 1st place honors averaging 181 and 183 respectively for 16 games of match play. She went on to represent Madison in the district BPAA All-Star tournaments, traveling to Buffalo NY and Miami Beach FL.

Doris' was a real advocate for the sport. In 1960 she initiated the "First School of Bowling" for boys and girls and championed a push to form the Madison Association of the American Junior Bowling Congress. In 1964, under her directorship, the first Madison junior bowling tournament was held at Burr Oaks Bowl. Due of her efforts, the Madison Youth Association is strong and successful today.

Doris wasn't only dedicated to the sport of bowling but to her community as well. Doris founded the Ursula Schmitt Education Fund at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens. She received numerous awards and recognitions for her good work and dedication to the community, including the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award and the Atwood Community Center Thoughtful Committed Citizen's Award.

The MWBA is pleased to honor Doris Hanson as an inductee into the Madison USBC Women's Bowling Hall of Fame.