

## 2009 MHSIBCA Hall of Fame

### **Brian Bannasch, Coach, Rogers City High School**

Brian Bannasch, conference coordinator for the Northern Michigan Bowling Conference since its formation in 1997, has served terms with the Michigan State YABA and MHSAA advisory committee as well as Vice President of MHSIBCA. He is currently the chairman of the youth committee for the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan. Brian guided Rogers City, the smallest school in the field, to the first state high school bowling championship in 1999. Since establishing the varsity bowling programs in Rogers City, the boys and girls teams have accumulated 12 conference titles, six regional titles, numerous appearances at the state finals, including a runner up finish for the boys in 2004, and a large number of individual participation at the state finals. Brian feels the greatest thrill in coaching is the experience given to each athlete. It is something they will remember for the rest of their lives. This is an honor that would not have been possible without the understanding and support of his wife of seventeen years Barb, along with their two daughters Tayler and Rebecca.

### **Paul Bentley, Coach, Hudsonville High School**

Paul Bentley, Head Coach for Hudsonville Bowling, has guided the program for the last eleven years. Paul coached the boy's and girl's teams for eight years, and has been only the boy's coach for the last three. His teams have achieved 11 conference, nine district, and five regional championships. His boys team won the 2004 Class A state championship. Paul still conducts the Hudsonville Invitational, the first tournament of its kind in West Michigan. Paul served on the MHSIBCA rankings committee for three years, and the All-State committee for two years. He has managed the scoring at the state tournament for the MHSIBCA in years past. Several of his athletes won individual awards: All-Conference, All-Area, and All-State. He is excited to have seven members of his past teams continue their bowling careers with colleges throughout the United States. Paul is thankful for being selected to the Hall of Fame and gives much credit for the award to his father Pat Sr. for teaching him the sport of bowling. He also thanks his wife Kim, and children Brendan, Bret, and Bryanna for their support. He wishes to thank the Hudsonville athletic department, his assistant coaches, Hudsonville Lanes, parents, and athletes for their support from the beginning.

### **Robert Soloman, Coach, Utica Ford II High School**

Robert Soloman began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Henry Ford II High School. He eventually assumed the position of Head Coach, relieving Harry Burkey (aka The Bowl Swami). During his tenure, Bob has had a bowler named Mr. Bowler of the Year, several bowlers named to the All-State team, two dream team members, a Boys' team regional championship and a Boys' team state runner-up. He has been a member of the Coaches Association since its inception. He was elected Southeast Michigan Regional Director and still retains that position. He is a member of the MHSIBCA All-State Committee, Scholarship Committee and Awards Committee, Co-Director of the Michigan Junior Varsity Championship, and Co-Director of the Macomb County Championship and a few other tournaments. An avid bowler himself, Bob wishes to thank his fine coaching staff and Noel, his wife of 36 years, and his sons Michael, Danny and Tony.

## 2009 MHSIBCA Hall of Fame (Continued)

### Rick Dodick, Proprietor, Monitor Lanes

Rick Dodick, proprietor of Monitor Lanes in Bay City, has been actively involved in high school bowling since its origin with the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan. From its first season in 1998, Rick was instrumental in the formation of the Tri City High School Conference acting as its sole Commissioner from the very beginning to the present time. Starting in 2005, Rick helped form the Tri City JV High School Conference, serving as its Commissioner and bringing together JV Teams from 3 different bowling conferences. In 2006, as the Saginaw Valley Conference was formed, Rick was elected as its Commissioner, a position he still holds today. Monitor Lanes is a proud sponsor and host of Bay City Western and Bangor John Glenn High School Bowling Teams. Monitor Lanes has hosted a MHSAA Division II Regional for the past five seasons and have sponsored two major high school holiday tournaments for the last five years, the Bangor John Glenn Holiday Invitational and the Bay City Western Baker's Dozen. Rick has coached the Bay City Western Lady Warriors since 1998 leading them to 3 top 5 finishes in the Bowling Centers Association State Team Finals in 1998, 1999, and 2001. In the 2007-2008 season, Rick coached the Lady Warriors to an undefeated conference season and was voted "Coach of the Year" in the Saginaw Valley Conference. Just completing 40 years in the bowling business this season, Rick is very thankful to be selected to the Hall of Fame and appreciates the effort of all involved in making High School Bowling the great sport it is in the state of Michigan.

### Jerome Doyle, Proprietor, Colonial Lanes

Jerome (Jerry) Doyle, proprietor of Colonial Lanes in Flushing, MI, has been influential in the progress of high school bowling in Michigan. Flint was one of the first areas of the state to start a high school bowling program when Jerry, along with other members of the Flint Metro Bowling Proprietors Association, was introduced to the idea by Ron Tomassoni and Scott Bennett. The conference started with 7 teams. Since that time, the conference has grown to 80 teams. Jerry financially supports the program and sponsors 16 teams out of his center, Colonial Lanes. For the past two years, he has become even more involved with the program as the head coach for the Flushing Junior Varsity teams. Jerry has been married for 58 years to his wife Betty and together they had 10 children. Last year he was inducted into the Flint Men's Bowling Association Hall of Fame, and he has been involved with bowling since he was a pinsetter in the late 1940s. Jerry currently bowls on three leagues, including the Thursday Night Keglers which he has been a member of since 1965. As a proprietor, Jerry believes that this sport is a great chance for all youth to get involved in a most fulfilling activity for the rest of their lives. It teaches lessons of competition, builds confidence and allows them to see the need for goals.