

Richard Toncrati has dedicated over three decades of service to the sport of bowling, making significant contributions through his leadership roles, league administration, coaching, and enhancement of awards programs. His career in bowling began in 1964, and since then, he has been actively involved in numerous capacities within the bowling community.

League Leadership and Development

Richard's leadership in bowling began early, as he served as President of the Ball & Chain League for two years in 1965 and 1969. Additionally, with the assistance of the Shaker Bowl Manager, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Wednesday Night Summer Mixed League in 1965. Richard held the position of Secretary for this league from 1965 to 1975, ensuring smooth operations and promoting the sport's growth. His efforts also extended to the creation of the Captain's Tournament in 1965-1966, further expanding opportunities for bowlers to compete.

From 1972 to 1983, Richard bowled in the Greenmanorville League, serving as President for several seasons, including 1974-1975, 1976-1977, 1978-1979, 1980-1981, and 1982-1983. His presidency reflected his commitment to fostering a competitive and collaborative bowling environment. Richard's leadership also extended to the Monday Nite Strikers League, where he served as President for two years while continuing to bowl in the league, a commitment he has maintained since 1964.

Commitment to Youth Bowling

In 1990, Richard attended the YBA School to further enhance his ability to serve the sport. Following this, he coached several junior leagues for many years, dedicating his time and expertise to developing young bowlers. His commitment to youth bowling has had a lasting impact, helping nurture a new generation of bowlers who have benefited from his guidance and mentorship.

Awards Committee Leadership

For over a decade, Richard has served as the Chairman of the Awards Committee, where his leadership has been transformative. Under his stewardship, the quality of awards in all categories, including the coveted jackets for the 600, 700, and 800 Series, has significantly improved. These awards have become much sought-after honors within the bowling community, thanks to his efforts.

Richard has also been proactive in fundraising efforts to ensure the continued high quality of these awards. By running raffles at various tournaments and working with local vendors to sponsor events, he has played a crucial role in maintaining and enhancing the awards program. His dedication to recognizing and rewarding bowling excellence has set a high standard for the sport.

Conclusion

Richard Toncrati's long-standing involvement in bowling, from league leadership to youth coaching and enhancing the awards program, demonstrates his unwavering dedication to the sport. His contributions over the past 30 years have enriched the bowling community, and his leadership and service make him a standout candidate for recognition in the Mass Tri-County Bowling Association. Richard's legacy is one of leadership, commitment, and a genuine love for the sport of bowling.