

RALPH GIBSON

Men's Veteran Skill – 2007



Ralph Gibson bowled in Oklahoma City from the mid 1940's until 1955, but for 10 years, there was no one better in OKC. At age 13 he set pins at Brantley Bowling Alleys in downtown OKC. In 1946, at age 16 Ralph was recognized as a terrific bowler. He won Three State of Oklahoma All Star Tournaments, Three Mersfelder 700 Club Tournaments, 1949 Oklahoma City Times Classic, 1949 Tulsa Singles Classic, Ponca City Singles Classic, Ragtime Doubles in Blackwell, Harpman Round Robin Tournament, Sapulpa Singles Classic, Panhandle Open Doubles and All Events, 1949 State Team Championship, 1948 OKC Team Championship. As a winner of the Oklahoma All Star Tournament, Ralph represented Oklahoma at the Granddaddy of all Tournaments, the Annual All-Star Tournament in Chicago, bowling against the likes of Ray Bluth, Don Carter, Andy Varipapa, Buddy Bomar, Buzz Fazio and many more stars of the time. He was called to serve in the Korean War and later worked for TAFB. During the 1950's, Ralph continued to dominate bowling honors in OKC. The Oklahoma City Times newspaper and others named Ralph as their bowler of the day, week, and year numerous times and as top bowler in league play each week. He held the OKC record of 789 Series and was one of the first members in the 700 Club. Work requirements took Ralph to Cape Coral, Florida where he continues to bowl and has had Tow 300 Games after reaching age 70! The Oklahoma City Bowling Council is more than proud to induct Ralph Glenn Gibson into its Hall of Fame.