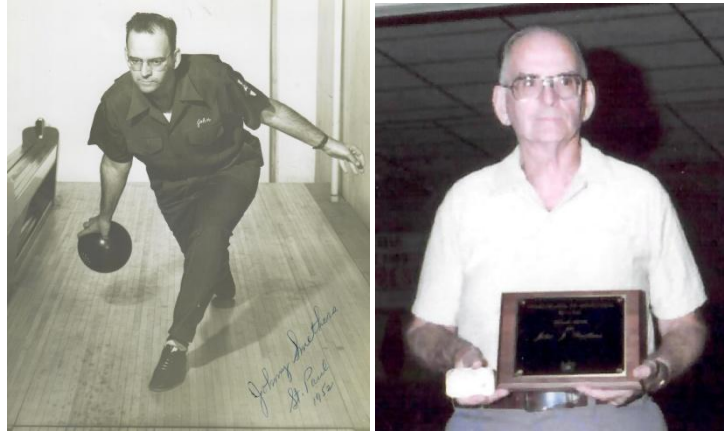


JOHN SMETHERS

Men's Veteran Service – 1980



8/11/1914 – 1998

Born in Berwick, Pennsylvania, John has spent the past 40 years in the Oklahoma City area, bowling all the while as a sanctioned bowler. His high game is 300 and high series is 754 while carrying his five highest league averages of 199, 193, 184, 185 and 185. He began bowling in YMCA Church league of 1937 in OKC. He won the Oklahoma All Star in roll-off with Frank Murray (1949), finished 2nd at Harpman Round Robin tournament (1949) and won Mersfelders 700 Club tournament (1951). His service to bowling is really where he shines though:

Secretary of Industrial league for 7 years
President of OKC Bowling Association 1947
Tournament Director of Harpman Tournament 6 years
Director of OKC Bowling Association 6 years (1968-1974)
Director of Team event Oklahoma State tournament 9 years
Manager of Masters event at Oklahoma State 1 year
Volunteer with Oklahoma All Star tournament 10 years
Secretary-Treasurer Major Classic league at Holiday Lanes 8 years
Secretary-Treasurer Sleepwalker and M-Squad at Holiday Lanes 8 years
Director of Summer Round Robin at Holiday Lanes 11 years
Retired from Bowling 1979-1980 season

For his all around dedication to the promotion of organized bowling the Oklahoma City Bowling Council induct John Jacob Smethers into its Oklahoma City Bowling Hall of Fame.