

Three to join Hall of Fame

HAMMOND – Three men who could be called fixtures in the Greater Calumet Area USBC Bowling Association have been elected to the organization's Hall of Fame.

Tim Croy, 45, of Schererville; Scott Hansen, 47, of Munster; and Bill Slateritz, 75, of South Holland, will be honored Dec. 4 at the association's 25th annual Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet at the Dynasty in Hammond.

Croy and Hansen were elected by a vote of the current GCAA Hall of Famers and the GCAA board of directors. Slateritz, who had been on the ballot three previous times, is going in through the Veterans category. Ballots were mailed out to eligible voters in July and tabulated at the Aug. 14 Board of Directors meeting.

Croy, who currently works in the gaming industry, is the son of Ralph Croy, making the Croys one of three father-son pairings in the Hall of Fame.

Others are Hal and Bill Lieber and Sid and Don Rodkin.

Tim Croy has maintained a 200.2 average in 188 games over 21 years at the USBC Championships with 5th place All-Events finish in Mobile, Ala., in 1994. He was the GCABA Bowler of the Year for 1998-99.

He has recorded 32 300 games, 11 800 series and has had a 232 high league average. Croy claimed the handicap and actual Singles titles in the 2009 Association Championship and has six Team titles.

Hansen was the first male to shoot an 800 series and average 200 at Kenwood Lanes in Hammond. He has also won a state Doubles title (with Mark Kofoid) and was the GCABA Bowler of the Year in 1997-98.

Slateritz joins his 1974 ABC Team All-Events champion teammates in the GCABA Hall of Fame. A member of the Hammond and Northwest Indiana Classic leagues from the 1950s through the late 1990s, Slateritz teamed with the late Dave Norton, Joe Trombetta, Gordy Baer and Alfie Cohn to claim the ABC eagle.

Slateritz was the first scratch bowler to reach the finals of "Beat the Champs" in 1964 and has competed in 50 ABC/USBC Championships. He has an 827 high series and has recorded five 300 games.



Tim Croy

Award scores:

800 series: 11

(High series is 848, three times)

300 games: 32

299 games: 14

11-in-a-row: 2

High league average: 232 in the Chatham Club Invitational at Stardust III, 2003-04

USBC Championships:

- 200.2 average 188 games over 21 years
- Best individual finish: 5th All-Events, 2,082; Mobile, 1994
- Best individual all-events: 2,103, Huntsville, 1997
- Best series: 742, Huntsville, 1997.

GCABA highlights:

- Six team titles in City Tournament
- Proprietors Cup champion, 2008
- Singles Actual and Handicap champion, 2009 (812)
- GCABA Bowler of the Year, 1998-99

Accomplishments

- Member of three championship Northwest Indiana Classic teams
- Multiple team championships in the Lan Oak Major.

Other:

The former PBA Regional player has also claimed multiple sweeper championship titles at the Joliet 8-gamer and in [South Bend](#) at the old Sugar's tournament.



Scott Hansen

Award scores:

800 series: Eight (High: 836 twice)

300 games: 15

299 games: Six

298 games: Two

11-in-a-row: Four

USBC highlights:

Participated in 18 championships.

Overall average: 195

Four 1,900+ all-events (1,980 high, 1993, Tulsa)

Accomplishments:

- Indiana State Championships Doubles Actual Champion (with Mark Kofoid), 2001
- GCABA Bowler of the Year, 1997-98
- GCABA Doubles Handicap Champion (with Doug Amos), 1995
- Times Classic semifinalist multiple times
- Indiana State Mixed Team record, Friday Night Mixed team.
- First male to shoot 800 at Kenwood Lanes, Hammond (805 in 1993)
- First person to average 200 at Kenwood Lanes
- Averaged 220+ for approximately the last 20 years

Other:

- Started working as mechanic/counter help at Kenwood when he was 15.
- Drilled bowling balls at Plaza Pro Shop
- Youth coach, Plaza Lanes, 10 years
- Current Munster High School boys bowling coach



Bill Slateritz

- ABC Team All-Events, 1973 (with Gordy Baer, Alfie Cohn, Joe Trombetta and Dave Norton, all GCABA Hall of Famers)
- 50 ABC Tournaments; 191 average
- Longtime member of the Josten's team in the Northwest Indiana Classic League.
- Two Illinois State team titles; Illinois State Doubles title with Ed Besse
- Won McMillian's Classic, 1958
- Two Chicago Metro team titles
- Won Chicago Metro Doubles with Dave Norton
- 4th Place ABC Team event, 1973; 9th place 1974
- One 800 series (827 in 1983); Five 300 games; one 299
- High average: 216
- First scratch bowler to reach finals of "Beat the Champs," 1964
- Five awards for highest score in the nation over the years, including 3,681 team series in the Munster Major at Munster Lanes.
- Helped organize the Hoosier All-Stars and Midwest Bowlers Association