

Madison Women's Bowling Association

HALL OF FAME – 1999

ELLA BURMEISTER, is inducted posthumously into the MWBA Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category in August 1999.

Ella was a member of MWBA from 1926 to 1945 and had a career high series of 699 with a career high game of 279. She consistently maintained an average in the 180's during her bowling career; the highest average of any woman bowler in the state.

During local MWBA Championship Tournaments, Ella won Team Event in 1933, 1935, and 1936; the Doubles Event in 1930, 1931, and 1936; and the Singles Event in 1932 and 1936. She won the All Events in 1934 with 1598 and in 1937 with 1695, a record. Along the way, Ella gathered many MWBA accomplishments including a Madison team series record in 1933, 1935, and 1936; high team game in 1934, 1936, and 1937; the latter being 1080 which is still an MWBA top ten score.

On the state level, Ella went on to capture the WWBA Championship Tournament Team Event title in 1932, the Doubles Event in 1930 and 1934 with Avis Kidd as her partner, and the All Events title in 1930 with 2659. Her team had the state team game record in 1934 and 1935 and Ella rolled the high game in the state during 1934-35 of 268.

One of the biggest highlights of Ella's bowling career came with a WIBC Championship Tournament title. She won the Singles Event in 1936 with a 612 as well as the All Events title the same year with 1683. She was acclaimed the nation's Outstanding Woman Bowler in 1936.

In 1935 Ella won the Chicago American Class A bowling tournament and again during that year, won the Interstate Tournament Team Event.

Ella was the guest of honor at the Madison WBA 50th Year banquet in 1971 and in 1974 was inducted into the Madison Pen & Mike Club Sports Hall of Fame. Wisconsin WBA inducted Ella into its Hall of Fame in 1994.

Ella Burmeister is truly a pioneer in the sport of women's bowling and certainly paved the way for its continuing success. We owe much to women like Ella and the recognition that was brought on local, state, and national levels to the game we know today.

MWBA is pleased to honor Ella Burmeister as one of its first inductees into the Madison WBA Hall of Fame.