

## *In Loving Memory*

Yesterday, 5 Pin Bowling lost one of its grand masters. Today, we remember the person he will always be remembered as.

In some cases, participation in our sport encompasses many different facets. The name ‘Hoult’ has always been synonymous with excellence in 5 Pin Bowling. Jim Hoult used his abilities as a dominant bowler to also build the sport of 5 Pin bowling at the Zone, Provincial and National levels.

Born in 1930, Jimmy was originally a pinsetter at the Olympia Lanes at Logan and Queen Streets before moving to Acorn Centre where he learned the fundamentals of the game from George Corbridge, one of the top bowlers and teachers of the game in his day. Jim joined MacLean Hunter in 1946 and immediately became a member of the company team in the Printers League. That same year Jim joined the City Major League and over the years bowled on teams sponsored by Towne Tavern, Gross Machinery, Molson's, Pasquales, Peoples Credit Jewelers and Hellewell's All Stars.

In 1950 Jim married Jean and together they raised three children. In 1957 he became a bowling celebrity as he won the first O'Connor Open and the first prize of \$1,000.00 an unheard sum of money in those days. Jimmy was then named chief instructor for the Double Diamond Company, one of the two major pinsetting manufacturers of the day. Along with Bert Garside, Volda Hefner, Don Walker Dot Peppin and Rusty Starr opened all their new centres as members of the Double Diamond Advisory. As instructors, Jimmy and his staff conducted clinics for more than 10,000 bowlers. More notoriety followed as Jimmy along with Bert Garside, syndicated a 30 week instruction column throughout Canada in 192 newspapers. These columns were the basis of the original Master Bowlers Instruction Book.

Hellewell's All Stars added more fame as this team toured the Province with great success. The team was unbeatable as Jimmy Hoult, Billy Hoult, Red McQuaker, Hugh Connely, Holly Leet and coach Jake Hellewell barnstormed from Sudbury to St. Catharines, Brockville to Windsor. They lost only two matches in a two-and-a-half year period.

With the beginning of the Master Bowlers Association in 1964, Jimmy was a charter member and won two events. He became the chief instructor for the MBA, a group that eventually would deliver the instruction and coaching program both in Ontario and across Canada. Jimmy also qualified for the Open 10 times as a bowler and coached twice.

On the administrative level, Jimmy was tournament chairman for the OBC for 5 years and as such was in charge of tournament sanctioning and coordination of OBC Provincial events. Jimmy's accomplishments have been recognized on several occasions. In 1991, he was inducted into the Players Division of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowling Hall of Fame as well as receiving a Life Membership from the York Simcoe 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. In 2001 Jim was a charter inductee to the York Simcoe 5 Pin Bowling Hall of Fame as a bowler and in 2003 he was inducted again into the Ontario 5 Pin Bowling Hall of Fame this time as a Builder.

Our sympathies go out to his wife Jean, and his three children, Bob, Steve and Sandy. Jimmy will be missed by all within the bowling community as well as his friends, and family.

Funeral arrangements are not available at this time but we will advise you of same as they come to our attention.