

* William "Bill" Stivers
Shawnee – Wy-Jon
KSBA Hall of Fame
Performance – Service - 2013

Bill began in the bowling business in the Kansas City metro area in 1953, when he was hired to run the control counter at Plaza Bowl. In less than a year, Bill was given the opportunity to manage this 32-lane center. During Bills tenure as a manager of King Louie Bowling Corporation, he purchased Plaza Bowl in 1961. In 1965 Bill was promoted to Vice President of King Louie, with the duties as General Manager of King Louie West Lanes. As Plaza Bowl was the first center to install automatic pinsetters, Bill was able to start a Ladies Daytime Free Bowling Program and had 400 women attend these free sessions. Bill also ran numerous tournaments at Plaza Bowl, with the Summer Mixed Doubles the most popular. There were 175-180 entries each weekend, all summer long.

Bill was also an accomplished bowler himself. On January 7, 1961, he bowled a 244 triplicate which was the 4th high in the nation at the time. Bill was averaging 195 in the Kansas City Traveling League in the 1959-1960 season and had a Hi-30 in the league with a 712. During the 1962-63 season, Bill had a high average of 206, which was the highest average in the Greater Kansas City area.

In 1992, Bill was inducted into the Greater Kansas City, Mo. Hall of Fame. Then in 1993, Bill started a senior scratch league. It started with 10 four person teams and has grown to 26 teams during the fall of the 2011-12 season.

*** Deceased Augusts 24, 2020.**