



Where it all Began

The History of the Greater Peoria Bowling Association or better known today as the **GPUSBCBA.**

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The GPBA has been in place for over 100 years with the first President being Arthur Bauer in 1907 and served 8 years.

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The first Secretary on file was
Ott Thieme
in 1910.

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The GPBA began having association tournaments in 1907, back then referred to as a city tournament.

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The GPBA held its first Seniors
Tournament in 1985.

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The GPBA in 1989 served 23 houses
and 308 lane beds to provide bowling
to our customers.

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The GPBA serviced communities in
Chillicothe, East Peoria, Elmwood,
Eureka, Henry, Lacon, Minonk, Peoria,
Roanoke, Toulon, Toluca, Washburn,
Washington, Wyoming.

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The GPBA in 1987 was recognized by the ABC, now known as USBC, Service Award for the amount of work provided by the directors and president to effect positive improvements in the sport of bowling.

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The GPBA in 1958 began its first Hall of Fame. It had 33 charter members- Clarence Brayshaw, Velde Stout, Andrew Shader, Conrad Duckworth, Hugh Mcwhirter, Matt Kaegge, Vince Lamb, Arthur Bauer, Sam Baxter, Ot Thieme, Ike Brannon, Tony Shuda Sr., Oscar Roeder,



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Gus Satorious, George Doty, Louis Payne, Charles Danner, Fritz Luthy, Charles Cushing, William Laidlaw, Billy Wantling, Ralph Tippy, Fred Tuerk, Harry Kossieck, Chet Knickerbocker, Ora Tonkel.

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William Holzschuh, Sam Greenhood, Luther Gerjets, Charles Garrison, Jack Kumpf, Billy Duke. These folks as does every member after them deserve a huge congratulations for their efforts to get them to such a high level of achievement in the bowling community.

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Current Activity in 2008

- Congratulations to Vince McCane for being recognized as the GPUSBC Director of the YEAR for 2007/2008 Season...
- Ann Ogden had taken over as Association Manager in 2008. Along with new president Steve Hartseil.



More in 2008

- Hall Of Fame Dinner: November 15th, 2008
6:30pm the Board of Directors held HOF at The Embassy Suite Hotel. Tickets were \$30.00 Inductees for 2008: Gary Strait Jr. & Charlie Jones & Bob Gusman & Walt Van Dyke. Dinner was Pork and had a great turnout.

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