



Where it Began

This information shows where the Greater Peoria Bowling Association or better known today as the GPUSBCBA got started from.

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

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The first Secretary on file was
Ott Thieme
in 1910.

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The GPUSBCBA started as P.B.A (Peoria Bowling Association).

In December 1960 the new name of the G.P.B.A. or Greater Peoria Bowling Association was voted in at the delegates meeting Recommended by A.Fitton, E.Kaiser, L. Abrams.



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

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When can you remember?

- 1) Bowling City Tournament was \$10 per team, \$4 for doubles, \$2 for singles.
- 2) Expenses \$1.50 per event and \$.65 for lineage.

It was the 1957/1958 bowling Season
1958



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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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Where it could of changed?

What Year is it?

Washington, Eureka, Roanoke, Benson attempts to form their own association but ABC turns the idea down after the vote did not get passed at the local annual meeting?

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1958 the GPBA starts up their first annual Hall Of Fame Party:

Guest Speaker is world renown bowler Carmen Salvino..

The unveiling of the Hall of Fame began in November 1958 at the Jefferson Hotel with 4 blessed inductees: Mr. Grover Greene, Wilmer McNamara, Fred Thoma, Edward Hill.



With Whom it Got Started

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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- What Year is it?
- The GPBA looks at introducing the rule of using the bowlers local highest average with 21 or more games for their tournament?
- 76 teams recognized at the Annual Meeting?

● **1959**



Another Start for the GPBA

The GPBA held its first Seniors
Tournament in 1985.

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Hard Work Pays Off

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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Responsible For Many Great
People (Our Bowlers)

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

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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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New 2009

- 2 New Hall of Fame Members will be going in on November 14th 2009. The Board of Directors will host the Hall of Fame Dinner again at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center. Drinks at 6pm dinner at 7pm. Inductees will be Rick Stevenson and Tony Sherlock... entry-jj