

# WELDON SALAMANDER

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*Weldon Salamander's* first visit to a bowling alley was in the mid 1940's, a new 6-lane House was built about a block from where he lived in Chesterton, Indiana. It turned out to be his first job as a pin boy setting pins for league bowling at .05 cents. He hasn't seen a 2-holed bowling ball since. It was a good spare ball because you could only throw it straight. Weldon started bowling in a sanctioned league at Oakland Lanes in 1960 at the same time Oakland added 8 more lanes to the original 12.

He was league secretary in the All-Star League for several years and held that position until he became Association Secretary. Weldon injured his hand at work one day and went to the doctors office for stitches, while there he ran into Dick Hahn and was asked if he would be interested in the Association Secretary's job because Willard Fay was stepping down. After talking it over with my wife, Janice, he called Dick and told him he would take the job. The "larger" scale of the Association job turned out to be pretty huge. He credits the help of the Board of Directors and Willard and Maxine Fay with helping him satisfactorily accomplishing the task. He was Association Secretary for 13 years with one year off, 1985, because of a change of jobs.

His bowling ability he considers average at best. He has cashed-in in some tournaments with the highlight being when Dick Carris was his partner and they won the Handicaps Doubles of the Elkhart Bowling Association City Tournament.

Sal and Janice have been married for over 48 years and have one daughter, Brenda.